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Corner of Wylie and Washington streets, if you want pure Drugs and Medicines, Perfumeries, Soaps, Brushes, Combs, &c.; also, Pure Wines and Liquors for Medicinal purposes.

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Is supplied with the latest styles, materials and trimmings. The superiority in the taste and workmanship of garments made by our house is established, and we are offering great bargains in ready-made garments. J. W. Barker & Co., 59 Market street.

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Largest assortment in this city; also, the lowest rates, at McClarran & McKennan's Drug Store, 85 Market street, headquarters for English Champagne, Ale, Scotch Ale, and Dublin Brown Stout.

Have you Seen
The 12½c. yard wide Shirting Long Cloth, at Barker's great sale?

The Celebrated
Triumph Cook Stove, for coal, for sale by Bissell & Co., 235 Liberty street. SMW

$4 00 per pair Blankets,
Slightly soiled, at Barker's.

Pure Medicinal Liquors.
The finest old French Brandy; also, Port and Sherry Wines of unequalled fineness; the finest old Holland and Gin, and that celebrated Washington county old Rye Whisky, so well and favorably known, for sale at McClarran & McKennan's Drug Store, 85 Market street, corner of the Diamond, near Fifth street.

Have you been to Barker's Sale
This week.

Perfumery and Toilet Articles.
The display of the above goods, at McClarran & McKennan's Drug Store, is truly astonishing, consisting of all the choice and elegant goods of the French and English markets, in the line of Extracts, Colognes, Soaps, Pomades, Hair Oils, Hair Brushes, Dressing Combs, Puff Boxes, Toilet Powders, and a host of other articles, that go to make up a lady's or gentleman's toilet, can be found there in the richest perfusion. McClarran & McKennan's, 85 Market street.

To Wholesale Buyers
Of Dry Goods we are offering special inducements—job lots from the Eastern Auction Sales—Shawls, Dress Goods, Housekeeping Goods, Men's Wear, Sheetings, Shirtings, Prints, &c. J. W. Barker & Co., 59 Market street.

Hot Air Furnaces
And Hot Air Registers, best quality, for sale by Bissell & Co. 235 Liberty street SMW

French Merinos
At 50c, at Barker's sale.

CITY LAUNDRY office in Howe Sewing Machine Rooms, No. 4 St. Clair street. Leave your orders.

Grand Exhibition of Fancy Skating at The Rink.
The celebrated young skater Eugene W. Pratt, winner of the First Prize Gold Medal, at Chicago, will perform at the Keystone Rink, every afternoon and evening this week, commencing on
NEW YEAR'S DAY.
Doors open at 1:30 and 7:00 P. M. No extra charge to holders of season tickets.

Incredibly Low,
The prices at Barker's great sale.

The Last Nights
And *last chance* for elegant gifts at the Universalist Fair, City Hall.

Ready Made Sacques
One half former prices, at Barker's.

Has Returned.
Dr. E. S. Aborn has returned to his rooms, 134 Smithfield street, where he can be consulted upon the various diseases of the eye, ear, head, throat and the organs of the chest, until January 20th.

More of those Beautiful
Barred Flannels, 20c, at Barker's.

Fine Grates,
Summer Fronts and Fenders, for sale at very low rates by Bissell & Co., No. 235 Liberty street. SMW

The Great Sale at Barker's.
Still continued bargains without any parallel in the history of Dry Goods, and a stock embracing everything needed for the present and coming season.

The Last Nights,
And *last chance* for elegant gifts at the Universalist Fair, City Hall.

Brown Blankets,
Very cheap, at Barker's closing out sale.

1867---New Years---1868.
New stock; cheap prices and rare bargains, at L. N. Hall's Tobacco Emporium, No. 184 Wood street, intersection of Liberty street. *Splendid Gifts for New Years.*

Twilled Flannel,
All wool, 20c, at Barker's sale.

Gray's Institute
For Boys and Girls, Neville Hall, No. 7 Fourth street. Winter session will commence Monday January 6th. For scholarship call at rooms.

Repellants, Waterproof,
One dollar, at Barker's.

Trunks, Trunks.
At John Bell's No. 35 Market street, three doors from Second street.

White Flannel,
Twenty cents, at Barker's.

Leaf Tobacco.
Havana, Yara, Connecticut, New York State, at New York prices, branch of Julian Allen, 172 Water street, New York. Daniel F. Dinan, 75 Water street, Pittsburgh.

[illegible] Shirts
Reduced in price, at Barker's sale.

Parlor Stoves,
Heating Stoves, Laundry Stoves, Cook Stoves, Grate Fronts, Fenders, Summer Fronts &c., for sale by Bissell & Co., 235 Liberty street. SMW

White, Red
And yellow Flannels, 30c; extraordinary bargains, at Barker's.

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The Soldiers' State Convention.

The soldiers of Pennsylvania, of all terms of service, including the "Boys in Blue" organization, will hold a State Convention in Philadelphia, on the 8th of January next, which promises to be an imposing affair. Among other important matters, the Convention will declare unanimously for Grant for President. The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Reading Railroad, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, will sell excursion tickets all along their respective routes, good from the 6th to the 10th of January, 1868, for the purpose of enabling soldiers who desire to attend the Convention to ride from and to their homes at reduced rates.

Mr. Johnson Seeking the Democratic Nomination.

A New York letter to the Charleston *Courier* says: In this connection it ought to be stated that the Hancock letter sent to Congress is a part of the tactics Mr. Johnson makes use of to place himself straight on the constitutional record with the great Conservative masses. Hancock may be in the mind of quite a number of leading politicians, but Andrew Johnson will endeavor to kill him with kindness before even his name can be brought forward in the Convention, while at the same time, by praising Hancock, he is the recipient of that esteem and regard which the solid masses of the Union always feel for a man who swears by "the Constitution" on all and every occasion. So much have Mr. Johnson's chances for the succession improved, that where two months ago one would laugh at the mere mention of his name in connection with the next Presidency, now, to-day, the Democrats are ready to listen to any one who takes it upon himself to advance A. J.'s claims for the nomination at the National Convention.

IT has already been mentioned that the Union League Club has rented the large club-house belonging to Mr. L. W. Jerome, at the corner of Madison avenue and Twenty-sixth street. This puts them in possession of the largest and most elegant club-house in town. It is but just completed and is arranged with special reference to the requirements and convenience of such a club. The elegant private theater which Mr. Jerome has thrown open for benevolent purposes so frequently during the past few years, is connected with it, and forms, with the room into which it opens, the largest and most magnificent saloon for entertainments, balls, &c., to be found in the city. We understand that the Club, which now numbers about a thousand members, has leased the building for ten years at $18,000 a year, and taxes, insurance, &c., and reserving the right to buy it at any time within three years for $300,000. Though the youngest, the Union League Club has already become one of the richest and most influential of New York city clubs.

TWELVE WHEELED CARS.—The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, says the Chicago *Post*, are about to add two twelve-wheeled state room and sleeping cars to the silver palace line now running through between Chicago and New York. The security against accident which twelve-wheeled cars afford, will and ought to make them popular with the public. We do not now recall an instance of serious accident to cars built upon this pattern. Six wheels are better than four, and eight better than six. We trust the time is near when one of those four-wheeled agencies of destruction will be altogether unknown.

THE Washington correspondent of the Boston *Commonwealth* says: "In conversation with their fellow members on the floor of the House during the session of Thursday, Messrs. Garfield and Bingham, of Ohio, both influential men, expressed their deliberate opinion that, to quote their words, 'The negro must be thrown overboard;' and prominent Radicals confess that they look to see many others of the party sink to the same level."

FIRST EDITION.

12 O'CLOCK, M.

THE CAPITAL.

NEW YEAR'S OBSERVANCE.

Reconstruction Test Case.

THE RECENT MILITARY CHANGES.

Destitution in South Carolina.

THE LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT.

Defense of Ex-Secretary Stanton.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, December 31, 1867.

New Years Observance.

The old year is going out here in a furious snow storm, which commenced at noon to-day. It will not interfere, however, with the elaborate preparations made by the Government officials for the observance of New Year's Day. The President will receive the diplomatic corps and the officers of the army and navy in the morning, and the public in the afternoon. Secretary Seward will also receive the diplomatic corps. All of the members of the Cabinet, Speaker Colfax and such Senators and Representatives as are in town, will keep open houses, while all minor Government and corporate officials will observe the day in like manner.

Constitutionality of Reconstruction.

No test case involving the constitutionality of the reconstruction acts has yet been carried up to the Supreme Court, but active measures are in preparation by the opponents of those laws to have the question brought before the court in some shape. Ex-Attorney General Black will be one of the counsel and Robert J. Walker will probably be associated with him.

Military Changes.

Gen. Meade is expected here on Friday on his way to relieve Gen. Pope. Gen. T. W. Sherman, not Lieut. Gen. Sherman as stated, will relieve Gen. Meade in command of the Department of the East.

The Whisky Tax.

The Sub-Committee on Ways and Means have held almost daily sessions during the Congressional recess in pursuing their investigations into the questions arising in the collection of revenue from distilled spirits. To-day they had another important meeting on the metres. The full committee will be able when Congress meets to go at once to work to modify the tax law on the basis of the information elicited by the sub-committee.

Ordered to the Plains.

It is understood that General Swayne, who has just been relieved from duty at the head of the Freedmen's Bureau, in Alabama, will be ordered to the plains.

The Cabinet.

The last Cabinet meeting of the year was slimly attended to-day and resulted in the transaction of no important business. General Grant did not attend the meeting.

Destitution in South Carolina.

Parties are here from South Carolina who represent the destitution in that State as even greater than last winter, and declare that there must be immediate relief to prevent famine.

Louisiana Governorship.

General Steedman telegraphed the President to-day from New Orleans, asking that Governor Wells be reinstated as Governor of Louisiana before to-morrow, so that he might sign what is known as the levee bonds during the present year. The telegram was referred to General Grant and no action was taken on it.

Enthusiastic Ovation.

Gen. Grant, Lieut. Gen. Sherman and Gen. Harney visited the theater here to-night, and were received with an enthusiastic ovation.

Case of Secretary Stanton.

Senator Howard, of the Senate Military Committee, is preparing an elaborate report on the case of ex-Secretary Stanton, in which he will defend the latter from the charges preferred against him by the President. It will be presented to the Senate next week.

WASHINGTON, December 31.

THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER.

The new British Minister, Edward Thornton, is expected in this city early in January.

THE SMITHSON-STANTON CASE.

The attorneys for plaintiff in the case of Smithson vs. Stanton, for false imprisonment, have addressed a letter to the Attorney General urging a speedy trial. The lawyers on Stanton's side appear little anxious to hasten the matter, while on the other side the original letters in the case will be sought by an order of the court.

CAPTURED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY.

The case of St. Louis, involving questions of international and statute laws as regards captured and abandoned property, taken to the Supreme Court, will be brought up in a few days. On the side of the plaintiffs are Reverdy Johnson, Shipley and Carlisle; for defendants, Senator Drake and Judge Hughes.

PAYMENT OF TAX ON DISTILLED SPIRITS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued a special circular concerning the evidence of payment of tax on distilled spirits, in which he says the frequency with which holders of spirits are called upon to prove taxes have been properly paid, renders it necessary that merchandise on which taxes have been paid shall be particularly described by Collectors in the receipts, and that the Department here has prepared blanks for the purpose. Until these blanks can be forwarded to Collectors, however, the latter are instructed to use Duplicate Form 99, and not receipt on any other form.

CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION.

The colored people of this District hold a meeting to-morrow to commemorate the issue of the emancipation proclamation five years ago. Generals Howard and Logan, and Senator Pomeroy are expected to deliver addresses.

GENERAL MEADE

Will leave on Thursday for Alabama to relieve General Pope.

NOMINATIONS.

It is rumored that a lot of nominations will be sent to the Senate next week.

STATE WAR CLAIMS PAID.

The following amounts have been paid by the General Government to the several States under acts of Congress indemnifying the States for expenses incurred by them in defense of the United States: Maine, $868,846; New Hampshire, $958,461; Vermont, $519,404; Massachusetts, $2,555,649; Rhode Island, $735,217, Connecticut, $1,703,986; New York, $2,300,192, claimed $3,225,000; Pennsylvania, $1,983,228; New Jersey, $105,281; Delaware, $3,019; Maryland, nothing; Virginia, $26,319; Ohio, $2,194,559, claimed $2,272,000; Michigan, $346,400; Kentucky, $2,116,034; Illinois, $3,888,845; Iowa, $100,000; Wisconsin, $924,463; Minnesota, $103,133; Kansas, $9,360; Missouri, $7,906,089; Indiana, $587,615; Total, $30,933,459; whole amount claimed, $40,295,000.

PRIZE MONEY.

In the District Court for the District of Columbia to-day, B. F. Butler asked leave to file a libel of information on the part of Admiral Farragut and the officers and men of the Western Gulf Squadron of April, 1862, to recover a bounty of $200 for each man under the statute for the destruction of the force of the Confederate vessels in front of Fort St. Phillip and Fort Jackson, on the 23d of April, 1862. The libel prayed for a monition to issue to all parties to show cause, &c. The Court directed the monition to issue, and made it returnable on the first Monday of February, 1868, after the usual publication of twenty days.

SNOW.

During this afternoon snow fell to the depth of about three inches.

UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.

The Late Poisoning Cases---A Mysterious Crime.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., December 31, 1867.

The report of Dr. Wormly, of Columbus, to whom the stomach of Wm. Bowsher was sent for analysis, was received this morning. He reports having found arsenic in the stomach in sufficient quantity to cause death. Upon learning the above facts, the County Commissioners immediately ordered the bodies of the two sisters of the deceased to be disinterred, and a similar examination be made in their cases. What makes the matter more interesting is the fact that the two latter were very agreeable and attractive young ladies, and both engaged to be married in a short time. Who administered the poison or from what motive still remains a profound mystery, although there are vague hints that point to a certain party as the perpetrator of the horrible crime. No arrest has yet been made.

An extensive foundry, just completed, owned by Beard & Sons, in Toronto, was destroyed by fire yesterday evening. Loss not ascertained.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

THE ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.

KING THEODORE ALARMED.

The British Captives Released.

Reorganization of Austrian Ministry.

Decree from Emperor Napoleon.

ADELINA PATTI TO BE MARRIED.

Reconstruction of Belgian Ministry.

The Abyssinian Expedition.

LONDON, December 31.—Later advices received from the expedition now marching into Abyssinia report that King Theodore, on ascertaining the extent of the measures taken by this government to effect the liberation of the English captives, released them himself.

Austrian Cabinet.

VIENNA, December 31.—The Austrian Council of ministers as rearranged is composed of the following members: Prince Von Anersperg, President of Council; Baron Von Beust, Minister of Foreign Affairs and rank of Prime Minister; Count Von Taafe, Deputy President of Council; Baron Von John, Minister of War; Baron Von Becke, Minister of Commerce; Herr Giskera, Minister of the Interior; Herr Herbst, Minister of Justice; Herr Brestel, Minister of Finance.

The Corps Legislatif.

PARIS, December 31.—By a decree of the Emperor, published in the *Moniteur* of this morning, the Corps Legislatif for the next five years is to consist of a total of 292 members. In the apportionment of seats among the different departments of the Empire, the city of Paris is entitled to send nine representatives, and the same number which she has in the present Corps Legislatif.

Adelina Patti

Is to be married to Marquis Delaux, an officer of the Imperial household.

Reorganization of Belgian Ministry.

BRUSSELS, December 31.—The Belgian Ministry is about to be reorganized.

Anti-Annexation.

BERLIN, December 31.—The petition against the annexation of any West India Islands has received numerous signatures in this city.

Shipping Intelligence.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 31.—The steamer New York, from New York, arrived this morning.

London Money Market.

LONDON, December 31, 1:20 P. M.—Consols, 91⅞@92. 5-20s, 72¾; Illinois Central, 89½; Erie's, 48¼.

United States Bonds at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, December 31.—United States Bonds, 76½@76⅝.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, December 31.—The Cotton Brokers' Circular appears this morning, with the following remarks on the cotton market: Sales for three days, Friday, Saturday and Monday, about 35,000 bales, including 6,000 for exportation and 500 for speculation; the total stock in port and on shipboard is ascertained to be about 497,000 bales, which is nearly 18,000 bales less than the estimates. Of the above stock about one-fifth was imported from the United States.

LIVERPOOL, 1:20 P. M.—Cotton firm; sales 15,000 bales; uplands 7⅝d; Orleans 7⅞d.

Breadstuffs active and nearly all articles higher. Corn 46s 6d for mixed western. Wheat 15s 5d for white California, 14s 10d for No. 2 Milwaukee red. Barley 5s 3d for American. Oats 3s 8d for American. Peas 46s 6d for Canadian.

Provisions—Lard declined to 49s 9d. Pork, cheese, beef and bacon unchanged.

Produce without change.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 31, 1867.

FROM PANAMA.

The steamship Henry Chauncey, from Aspinwall on the 23d, with California passengers and $1,111,000 in treasure, arrived this morning. The Panama *Star* of the 23d is received. The steamer Newbern arrived on the 18th with 350 men for the Pacific squadron. The gunboat Mohicken would leave for the North Pacific about the 1st of January, but would await the arrival at Aspinwall of the frigate Minnesota, with a class of midshipmen for Pacific service. The Mohicken, on the voyage to Panama, picked up the schooner Petrel, from San Francisco, with treasure seekers bound to Lacos Islands, in distress, and towed her to Panama. The gunboat Wateree arrived at Panama on the 15th. The South American news is of no special importance. The new volcano, about twenty-four miles east of Leon, Nicaragua, had been in violent grand eruption, throwing fire and cinders from two craters, and lately had sent out heavy showers of fine black sand, which had reached Leon, covering the streets to the depth of half an inch.

ARRIVAL.

The steamer City of London, from Liverpool on the 8th, arrived to-day.

ANTI-MONOPOLY CONVENTION.

A call is in circulation in New Jersey, and receiving thousands of signatures, for the assembling of a convention at Trenton, January 2d, to organize an opposition party to the Camden and Amboy Railroad monopoly.

SALE OF NASHVILLE BONDS.

Five thousand dollars of Nashville City Bonds were sold at auction to-day at fifty per cent.

HELD FOR TRIAL.

Leroy J. Livingstone, who robbed the office of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, has been held for trial; $212 of the $1,100 stolen have been recovered.

BUSINESS AT THE SUB-TREASURY.

The receipts at the Sub-Treasury to-day were $3,074,337; payments $7,850,882, balance $101,683,223.

SNOW STORM.

A heavy snow storm commenced at 9 o'clock to-night.

DISTILLERY DESTROYED.

The Revenue officers who attempted to seize an illicit distillery in Hudson avenue, Brooklyn, last evening, were badly beaten by a mob. Assistance was procured and the distillery destroyed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

Brevet Major General Thos. W. Sherman, Colonel of the Third Artillery, stationed at Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., assumes command of the Department of the East, in the absence of General Meade.

THE FENIANS.

The Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood, in session this morning, elected General John O'Neill Vice President, in place of James Gibbons, who had resigned. This evening Colonel Roberts resigned the office of President, thus placing General O'Neill as his successor at the head of the Brotherhood. An address has been issued disclaiming, in the name of the Fenian Brotherhood, all connection with the blowing up of Clerkenwell prison, and the sending of murderous explosive letters through the post-office.

Dispatches indorsing Gen. O'Neill have been received from all parts of the country.

BREAK IN ROCK ISLAND STOCK.

The *Post* says the break in Rock Island stock was caused by an issue of new stock by the company, combined with heavy bear operations on the part of some of the directors of the road in the secret of the transaction. It appears that John H. Tracy, President of the road, was authorized some months ago to take charge of the ways and means of the company for the extension of the road from Des Moines to Omaha, whenever the extension should be decided upon, the means provided for this object being a reservation on the present mortgage of $4,500,000 seven per cent. bonds, or at the option of the management an issue of new stock. The two directors referred to availed themselves of the high price at which the stock was recently selling to issue new stock.

THE BEAUTIES OF DEMOCRACY.

At the Tammany primary meeting in the Eleventh ward to-night, for the election of delegates to the General Convention, the ballot boxes were stuffed with false ballots, and the ballots subsequently burned, after which there was a fight, in which pistols were used and limbs broken. There was of course no election. In the other wards the election passed off quietly.

COLLISION.

This evening a freight train on the Harlem River Railroad collided with a car of the Forty-second street line, on Eleventh avenue and Forty-second street, throwing the conductor, driver and horses some thirty feet off the track. The car, in which fortunately there were no passengers, was smashed.

THE ANGOLA DISASTER.

Conclusion of Coroner's Investigation---A Bent Axle the Cause.

BUFFALO, December 31.—The Coroner's inquest into the cause of the late railroad disaster at Angola, after eleven days' investigation, concluded their labors this evening. The jury was composed of some of the most intelligent business men of this city. A thorough and searching investigation was made, forty-two witnesses examined, and the result of their inquiries is that the accident was caused by a bent axle of the Cleveland and Toledo car No. 21, the car that was burned, causing the wheel on that truck to drop into the wing rail, thus throwing the wheels of that truck and subsequently the whole car off the track, and that there were forty persons in all killed thereby. The jury also recommended the adoption and enforcement of a more thorough system of gauging wheels of cars, so as to prevent an imperfect axle or wheel being made the cause of a disaster in the future.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The steamship Henry Chauncey, from Aspinwall, with California passengers and $1,111,000 in treasure, has arrived at New York.

It is reported that Thomas R. Whittemore, Treasurer of the town of Spencer, Mass., has been guilty of a defalcation to the amount of twenty thousand dollars. Whittemore has been missing about a week.

By order of the Secretary of the Navy the salaries of all mechanics in the Navy Yard, Washington, are to be reduced thirty-five per cent. after the first of January next. They will accept this modification, as they are afraid their places will be filled by other mechanics who are now out of employment. It is understood that reductions will be made in all localities of a similar kind.

An American citizenship meeting in Utica, N. Y., Monday night, declared that the Executive and Congress fail to vindicate the right of American citizenship; they are "cowardly and imbecile, and unworthy to administer the affairs of Government."

Soon after it assembled, the House of Representatives called upon the heads of departments for a statement of the amount disbursed by them under the act of Congress, giving the employees of the Government in Washington twenty per cent. additional compensation. The following statements have been received: From the Treasury, $647,334; from the War Department, $345,402; from the Navy Department, $47,015; from the Postoffice Department, $55,508; from the Department of Agriculture, $20,709. Total thus far, $1,115,346. The State and Interior Departments, and Attorney General's office have not reported.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued a special circular concurring in the evidence on the payment of tax on distilled spirits, in which he says the frequency with which holders of spirits are called upon to prove that their taxes have been properly paid, renders it necessary that merchandise on which taxes have been paid shall be particularly described by the collectors in their receipts, and that the Department has prepared a blank for this purpose until they can be furnished. The collectors are instructed to use the duplicate form 99, and not receipt on any other.

A man named John Redman, confined in jail, at Madison, Ind., was shot and killed by Sheriff Shannon Monday night. The Sheriff went into the jail to lock the prisoners in their cells. On entering and locking the door he was seized by Redman. The Sheriff called out for help, and another prisoner came up, but instead of rendering assistance, took the key from the Sheriff and attempted to unlock the door. The Sheriff warned Redman a second time to let go of him, or he would shoot him, and not being obeyed, and seeing that the other prisoners were about to escape, he drew a revolver and shot Redman through the heart, instantly killing him.

The detective agents of the Treasury have unearthed another mode of smuggling goods into the country from foreign ports. A gentleman living in France, notified the Department that a large quantity of silks were about to be smuggled into the United States, and stated the name of the vessel carrying the cargo. When the information was received the vessel had discharged her cargo, and on inspection it was found that the labels had been removed from a great portion of the silk goods, but ninety pieces were discovered that were not manifested which were accordingly seized. An investigation has proved that the firm in question had been conducting this contraband business for the last year.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, and the Dixon Works have notified all their employees, some 1,800 in number, of a reduction of ten per cent. in wages.

The Emancipation jubilee at Oswego, New York, January 7, will be addressed by General Butler and others.

Judge A. W. Arrington, one of the ablest lawyers in Illinois, died at his residence in Chicago yesterday, aged fifty-seven.

The examination of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, at Hudson, New York, resulted in their being fully committed to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of arson and murder of the little girl at Canaan, with the object of obtaining the insurance on her life.

The second vote on subscribing two million dollars to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad was taken in Richmond yesterday, and resulted in favor of the subscription.

The snow storm which commenced here yesterday evening appears from our dispatches to have extended to all parts of the country. A Richmond, Va., dispatch reports from six to twelve inches of snow in that State.

Seven white men and three negroes have declined nominations for county offices, tendered them by the county Republican Convention at Montgomery, Ala., the nominees for State Senate included.

The first section of thirty miles of the Lawrence and Galveston Railroad will be opened for business to-day. The road is being rapidly pushed forward under the energetic direction of President Sturgis, of Chicago.

Advices from Indian territory state that the American flag was raised on old Fort Cobb on the 20th inst., by Major Shanklin for the first time since it was torn down by the rebels under General Price in 1862. Fort Cobb is now the headquarters of the Wachitaw agency.

General Canby has issued an order suspending executions, and staying proceedings in all cases arising during the war, suspending sales under foreclosures, and providing for homestead exemption. Gen. Sickles's order prohibiting distillation of liquors and granting licenses to bar-rooms is revoked, and the proceeds of such licenses are devoted to the support of the poor.

A man giving his name as Wm. Jones has been arrested in Toronto for incendiarism. It is supposed his real name is Gus. Shaw, who shot Sheriff Calcutt, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, on the 3d inst. The prisoner was held for further inquiry.

Le Canadien newspaper says: Lord Monck has received instructions to remain in Canada another year, Lord Naas, who was to succeed him, remaining in Ireland.

Steamships carrying a pilot's license granted by the United States Commissioners are exempt from compulsory payment of pilotage.

BY MAILS.

The English Æronautical Society, of which the Duke of Argyle is President, propose holding an exhibition next May of machinery and apparatus connected with the navigation of the air.

Black hair is to succeed golden, and a raid is to be made by the agents of the hair-dressers of Paris among the long silky-haired tribes of the South American Indians to supply the anticipated demand.

A violent altercation took place at the last session of the French Senate, at which the Roman question was discussed. M. de la Gueronniere, editor of *La France*, and author of so many famous pamphlets, wished to make a speech, but the clericals would not permit him to say a word, and President Troplong cut him short after he had just commenced. M. de la Gueronniere, who is a very irascible man, thereupon rushed toward the President, shaking his fist at him and crying out in a tremulous voice, "Ah! this is infamous! this is unheard of! shame, shame on you, monsieur! you stifle the liberty of speech!" Troplong retorted in the same style, and then abruptly adjourned the session.

A Western paper says only fifteen of the old State Banks of Wisconsin remain in existence, four having gone out this last year; and these fifteen banks, with an aggregate capital of $500,000, have an aggregate circulation of $996,332.

California must try again. Australia shows trees bigger than its "big trees." The Australian vegetables are a species of eucalyptus, some of which are five hundred feet high, and twenty-seven feet in diameter.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, in debate the other day, likened Kentucky in her present relations to slavery, to "the old silly goose having a nest in the bank of a river, who, when a freshet came and washed the eggs out of it, still remained upon the top of the water paddling over the nest, though the eggs had disappeared a long time before."

The *American Artisan* says that if pegged boots are occasionally dressed with petroleum between the soles and the upper leather, they will not rip. If the soles are dressed with petroleum they will resist wet and wear well. The pegs are not affected by dryness after being well oiled.

There were 59,722,292 bushels of grain received at Chicago the past year, 1,814,000 barrels of flour, 861,912,000 feet of lumber, 1,995,069 hogs, 328,938 head of cattle, 23,982,000 pounds of hides, 10,000,000 pounds of wool, and 2,813,600 pounds of butter.

The Passenger Accident Insurance Company of Hartford, lost $15,000 by the Angola disaster. Five persons had paid ten cents each for insurance policy tickets of $3,000.

It is now stated that nearly all the wharves at St. Thomas are held, under long leases, by British, French and other foreign shipping houses, whose rights cannot be interfered with. If that is the case, the possession of the Island will not be of so great commercial value at present, and Senators are hesitating about the treaty.

STATE ITEMS.

One of the largest barns in Dauphin county, located in Harrisburg, was destroyed by fire Sunday evening—the act of an incendiary. Among the contents destroyed were one thousand bushels of grain, one blooded horse, eight hogs, four calves, eight cows. The property belonged to Jacob R. Eby. The incendiary was seen escaping.

The Reno Oil and Land Company's property is to be turned over to-day to Hon. C. V. Culver's management, who proposes to operate it in the interest of the creditors of Culver, Penn & Co. The immediate proximity of the Hasson well to this property cannot fail to render it much more valuable.

A District Presbyterian Union Convention, composed of the ministers of the several Presbyterian churches, and one Elder from each of the said churches within the counties of Erie, Warren, Crawford, Venango and Mercer is to meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Meadville, on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1868, at 7 o'clock P. M. The convention will be opened with a sermon by Rev. George A Lyon, D. D., of Erie.

The Rev. Henry Harbaugh, D. D., Theological Professor in the Seminary of the Reformed Church, Mercersburg, Franklin county, departed this life on Saturday last, at four o'clock, after a lingering illness. The deceased was in the prime of life, and occupied an eminent position not only in his own church but in the religious world, having taken an active part in the interests of his own denomination, especially in the liturgical movement now agitating that church.

Hon. G. Dawson Coleman, of Lebanon, has donated the old Dawson family mansion at the corner of Front and Vine streets, in Philadelphia, to the Pennsylvania Seaman's Friend Society, with the stipulation that it shall be applied to no uses that will not directly contribute to the moral and mental wellbeing of the sailors. The society intend to alter the building at once, and to organize it according to these humane conditions. Mr. Coleman is an old Philadelphian, and the opulent owner of the great iron works, near Lebanon, where he resides. He is the present Republican Senator from the Sixteenth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Lebanon and Dauphin.

On Saturday afternoon last a terrific boiler explosion occurred on lease No. 13, of Benninghoff Hill, by which two men were seriously injured, and a third dangerously if not fatally scalded. It seems that preparations were being made to withdraw the tubing and casing from the well on this lease, and the boiler had been charged during the morning and a fire started. About one o'clock Messrs. William and Daniel Bement entered the engine house for the purpose of starting the engine, and a few moments afterward the explosion occurred, fatally injuring Daniel Bement, and seriously scalding Wm. Bement and O. D. Harrington.

The Erie *Dispatch* says: The Pennsylvania and Erie Canal has had its full share of business this year. The gross amount of tonnage carried on it and left at all points is 327,374 tons. Of this 165,850 tons were received at and shipped from Erie, which includes coal, iron ore, lime stone and miscellaneous freight; of lumber, staves, &c., 5,732 tons, and of goods, iron, nails, &c., 3,066 tons. Of iron ore the amount is near 50,000 tons, and of coal not far from 100,000 tons have been brought into this port. The number of boats cleared from Erie was 1,956, and the arrivals not far from 2,000.

OHIO NEWS.

The farm on which Bishop Ames, of the Methodist Church, was born was recently sold for thirty-five dollars per acre. It is near Amesville, Athens county.

The Gallipolis *Journal* says that Peter Cartwright, the venerable and well known Methodist preacher, who is still vigorous at the age of eighty-three, preached in that place over fifty years ago.

During the week ending December 28, three hundred and eighty-one emigrants passed through Columbus. Of this number seventy propose to settle in Ohio, one hundred and three in Missouri, eighty-two in Illinois, forty in Indiana, twenty-three in Kentucky, twenty-six in Wisconsin, and thirty-seven in Tennessee.

The Marietta *Register* says: John Gregory, of Ludlow township, who will be eighty-eight years old next week, (January 4th,) rode twenty-five miles on horseback, the other day, coming into town to testify in the contested election case, that he voted the Union ticket at the last October election. He is a native of Philadelphia, but lived about half a century in Augusta county, Virginia, fifteen or eighteen years in Monroe county, Ohio, and for the last six or eight years in Ludlow. He bids fair now to reach his one hundredth year. His parents were German.

The "veteran" of the Ohio press, John Saxton, of the Ohio *Repository*, at Canton, has sold out his interest in that paper, after publishing it fifty-three years. He is seventy-five years of age, and will still remain connected with the *Repository*, as editor.

Remedy for the Whisky Frauds.

The following is the remedy proposed for the whisky frauds by the Chicago *Tribune*. It says it has reason to believe it is substantially under consideration in the right quarter:

1. Abolish the warehousing system, and allow no "whisky in bond."

2. Abolish all power in any Collector, Assessor, Inspector, District Attorney or other officer, to discontinue, compromise or settle any suit, fine, penalty or forfeiture; this discretionary power to be taken away as well from the officers at Washington as from those in the districts.

3. All taxes to be levied upon the capacity of the still, without any abatement or drawbacks, and no whisky to be removed from the still-house until the full excise is paid.

4. No distilling to be permitted without a bond for a faithful compliance with the law, and this bond, as well as the tax, to be in lieu upon the *real and personal estate* of the signers of the bond and owners of the still.

7. All frauds committed, or knowingly permitted, by revenue officers, to be made felonies; punishable in all cases by imprisonment as a felon, in addition to the pecuniary penalty.

8. Indemnity to all distillers and other persons who have in any way been parties to the bribery and corruption, malfeasance and betrayal of duty by any officer of the revenue, upon condition of appearing and testifying to the truth in such cases.

9. Granting to each and every person who has or may hereafter pay any fee, contribution or allowance, bribe or sum of money, directly or indirectly, to any officer of the revenue as hush money, or for any other corrupt purpose, the right to recover the same with interest by suit in any of the United States Courts.

10. A tax of one dollar per gallon on all whisky and spirits on hand in the country; to be collected from the owners or holders, and to be paid on penalty of seizure and confiscation.

The Two New York Money Kings.

Commodore Vanderbilt and Alexander T. Stewart reign over two different empires, in which neither of them has a rival. The Commodore represents railroad wealth; while Stewart represents the wealth of merchandise. The Commodore never sold a yard of dry goods, while Stewart is the prince of tape measurers. Both are great builders, but the Commodore builds nothing but mammoth passenger and freight depots, while Stewart erects marble stores and marble houses. Both have a great passion for real estate and also for horses, though in the latter specialty the Commodore outstrips his rival. Stewart has some fine animals, but none equal to the winged coursers of the Commodore. Both are old men who have spent many weary years in building up fortunes which they must soon leave to hungry heirs. Among the points of difference which distinguish these two kings is that of personal appearance. Stewart is slender and careworn; while the Commodore is of large size and finely developed, weighing nearly as much as three of the former, and with an easy and, in fact, rather jolly countenance. Stewart, though married, is childless; while the Commodore has a large family of sons, several of whom are connected with his railways as Vice Presidents, though none of them inherit his gains. We believe that these two Kings seldom meet and have but little in common. They occasionally dash past one another in their drives, and then one may notice the slight bow by which they confess recognition. Each feels that his Empire is distinct, and they have no desire to invade each other's realms. Stewart would be lost if he were thrown among a crowd of railroad contractors, and the Commodore would make a poor dabster at dry goods. Hence they dwell apart and divide the empire of wealth.—*Rochester Democrat.*

MR. BULLOCK, of Bristol, Rhode Island, aged ninety-eight years, was lately saved from death by a pet cat, who saw the bed had taken fire, and comprehending the exigency of the case, broke a pane in the window, jumped out, ran round to another window, broke a pane there and ran in, awoke another member of the family, and tore at the bed clothes until he got up and discovered the danger of his aged relative.

That is an immense cat story.

THE Atlanta (Ga.) *New Era*, referring to the late caucus resolution in favor of Judge Chase, says: "The meeting in question did not represent the Convention. Our information is, that the meeting was an informal one; the nomination was made after the close of the caucus, when everybody voted "aye" in order to get a chance to go home, and while there were members of the Convention in the caucus, it was not a formal caucus of the Convention, as we understand it.

PALACE LIFE.

How Louis Napoleon Lives---His Tastes, Table, Temper and Habits.

[Correspondence of Boston Commercial Bulletin.]

In his own palace Napoleon is one of the easiest, simplest and least ceremonious of men. He never fails, indeed, of a certain dignity which forbids undue familiarity from the highest princes of the blood; yet his social manners are unrestrained, and his private habits are not hampered by an obsolete system of court ceremonial. Nobody who has seen him will doubt that, in contrast with his uncle, he is a good liver. The best of French and German wines are daily served on his table, and you may be sure the viands are of the best, and are prepared with the very highest excellence of the French culinary art. Napoleon I., per contra, was noted for his remarkable abstemiousness.

The Emperor spends most of the year in his several rural chateaux; and the reason of this is that he has for a long time made it his first care to preserve his health. He rises early, when out of town, taking a single cup of coffee, in the French fashion, immediately after dressing. He then walks for an interval in the private gardens of the chateau where he is staying, usually accompanied by his little son—with whom he converses earnestly all the time—and by some favorite gentleman of his household. In the course of the morning he finds time to receive officials and ministers on affairs of state, and often reads an hour before breakfast. If his health is less strong than usual, he has daily morning consultations with his physicians. The royal breakfast takes place a little after noon, and is simple and wholesome—fruit always being one of the articles of food. The Emperor not seldom takes a short nap after breakfast; and the afternoon is taken up with public affairs, riding, walking, and occasionally a shooting expedition.

The greater part of his official duties are concluded in the morning. In the cabinet council the Emperor is said to be unusually silent, rather eliciting the opinions of others than giving his own; while the Empress Eugenie, who is always present, gives her opinions earnestly and openly, and argues as freely as do the ministers themselves. Napoleon, having heard the sentiment of his ministers, briefly states his own decision, and gives directions for the carrying out of the policy decided on. The counsellor who has most influence with him is undoubtedly Rouher, Minister of State; and this aristocratic and anti-revolutionary statesman is nearly always in accord with the Empress, who takes the side of the Jesuitical priest party. But the fact remains that the Emperor invariably decides for himself in the end; and if any of his ministers don't like it, they are at liberty to retire. There have often been serious ruptures between Eugenie and her lord, and this was the case when he went into the Italian war in 1859; but there is every reason to believe that her Majesty is well satisfied with his recent conduct toward the Garibaldians.

The Emperor takes the keenest interest in the education of his little son, the Prince Imperial. He very often presents him to those whom he receives, and with evident pride; and especially does he do this when a deputation of citizens appears before him for any purpose. There is apparently a strong affection between the father and son; and they treat each other with great familiarity, even before others. The Emperor often looks tired and careworn, but never so sad and gloomy as when his little son is suffering from one of those attacks which have of late been so frequent. He is not over-fond of society, and seems to prefer to be either alone, or with one or two intimate friends most of the time, yet on the occasion of a grand ball at the Tuileries he acts the host with unsurpassed dignity and grace.

The Empress, on the contrary, though past forty, is still gay, extravagantly fond of dress and show, and always anxious to be surrounded by a brilliant social circle. She has gathered about her, as ladies of her household, some of the most beatiful, accomplished, and well read dames of the capital; and spends a great deal of time with them. She also has for companionship the members of the Murat-Bonaparte family, some of whom—for instance, the Duke and Duchess de Mouchy and the Princes Achille and Joachim Murat—are just such gay, fashionable people as she likes to be with. Another marked contrast between the Emperor and Empress is that while the latter is a very pious and enthusiastic religionist, Napoleon manifests little or no interest in religious matters. Sunday is one of his hardest working days; and though Eugenie never fails to be present in the Tuileries chapel at the morning *matins*, her spouse is scarcely ever to be seen there.

MR. BANCROFT writes an interesting letter to Mr. Seward in regard to the present Constitution of Germany. He says the present Germany is a united State, having a sea coast extending from Russia to Holland, a mercantile marine superior to that of any European Continental Power, inferior only to that of Great Britain and to that of the United States; a population of thirty millions, of whom more than two-thirds are Protestants, and all are instructed to read and write, and all trained to the use of arms, rises up in the center of Europe, equal in culture, courage, and prospective, if not immediate influence, to any Government on the Continent. This State has treaties with States containing 10,000,000 more inhabitants, whose armies in time of war are to be placed under the command of the President of the United States of North Germany.

The "differences" between Hon. Charles Sumner and his wife, have not, it seems, as has been reported, been amicably adjusted, and the New York *Home Journal*—high authority in such matters—has the following, indicating that there is no likelihood that such will ever be the case: "We have good authority for stating that the differences between Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sumner, which have caused so much unpleasant gossip and scandal, have been finally settled by a permanent separation, with the mutual consent and desire of both parties, and their best friends. The direct cause of this separation is simply the certainty—discovered only too late—that there exists between the parties an incompatibility of temperament and opinion upon certain social questions, which precludes the possibility of their living happily together as man and wife."

New York Politics.

A New York letter says: "The Grant movement is gaining strength steadily. The committee of twenty-five, appointed by direction of the meeting at Cooper Institute has just got to work, and so we have the novel spectacle of A. T. Stewart, Wm. B. Astor, Commodore Vanderbilt and Moses H. Grinnell, engineering a political campaign.

"The Fenton organizations are also becoming more numerous. A big central club has been formed at Albany, and several local ones in the State. The number of newspapers that have declared in favor of his nomination is over one hundred and fifty.

"There is no strong Chase party here. Indeed, the Judge is almost hated here as ungrateful, cold-blooded, and void of judgment.

"The primary elections for organizing the Republicans of this city for 1868, were held last night, and were quite animated. The energetic members of the party have been elected, and present indications are that improved policy will be the result. That is the best thing which can be done.

"The Democrats are burnishing up. Tammany Hall has just issued a pronounciamento, calling the callow Democratic Unionists and the hoary Mozarters home to the maternal bosom.

"But the Presidential controversy is not easy to settle. The moderate men, Copperhead in principle, but not in overt act, are for 'Hancock' and 'Adams,' hoping to bait the Conservatives. But the orthodox Democrats, who believe in the lost cause, demand a representative man, and if much art is not used, will get him."

Court Customs in Abyssinia.

If English Ambassadors get imprisoned in Abyssinia, they have sometimes to undergo curious ceremonies at the courts of other barbaric potentates. Colonel Fytche, Envoy of the Viceroy in India to the King of Burmah, had a magnificent reception by that potentate on the 11th of October, accompanied by the display of an imposing military force. At the outer stairs of the palace the Ambassador was made to take off his boots and walk through the muddy court in his stockings. Arrived in the royal presence he had to squat so as to hide his feet, and make a prostration, or perform *kow-tow*. It is true that Europeans are not required to fall flat on their faces, but the position is difficult, and the ceremony requires considerable practice. A correspondent says:

" Except to a juggler, the attitude is impossible. As it was known that Col. Fytche has tried to avoid the degradation of thus adoring Burmese majesty in both the Burmese and English fashions, his final defeat has been much discussed in the bazaar, and has been a cause of triumph to the King and Court."

If diplomatic appointments are made for merits on the system of completive examinations gymnastics ought to enter largely into the course of preparation. After all, this ceremony, though more humiliating, according to our ideas, is scarcely more absurd than that required on presentation to her Britannic Majesty. You are not required to go barefoot, but you must take off your trousers up to the knees, wear a wig, get tripped up with a useless sword, and be dressed altogether as if you were going to play in an old comedy. That is kow-tow translated into English.

MR. ROBERT J. WALKER has written a letter upon the rights of naturalized citizens abroad, in which he says that "now is the time for the American Congress to announce to the world that the same protection will be extended by this Government to adopted as native citizens, and to issue a proclamation announcing to all foreign powers that the equal rights of adopted citizens, with those of American birth, guaranteed by the laws of Congress, will be maintained."

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

LOUISIANA.

Proceedings of the Convention---Accident on the Steamer Henry Ames---Twenty Men Lose Their Lives---Change in Commanders.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31.—In the Convention to-day the following was adopted as article 11 of the Constitution: No law shall be passed regulating labor and fixing the prices thereof. Article 12 declares religious liberty, and says no religious test shall be required as a qualification for office. The following resolution, offered by Mr. Pinchback, colored, was adopted as the 13th article of the Constitution:

Resolved, That the right of persons to travel on common carriages and be entertained at all places of a public character shall not be abridged in any manner.

The following substitute, offered by Mr. Wickliffe, was subsequently recognized:

Resolved, That all persons shall enjoy equal rights and privileges while traveling in this State, and all places of amusement, refreshment or entertainment of the public shall be open to all persons alike; no company, municipal, parish or chartered corporation shall make any rules or regulations creating any distinction between persons on account of race, color or previous condition.

The Convention adjourned without coming to a vote on the substitute.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Davis arrived this evening.

The steamer Henry Ames, which arrived this morning with 3,600 bales of cotton, while being unloaded, the guard on both sides of the boat gave way, precipitating a large portion of the cargo overboard. About twenty men, white and black, were drowned or crushed.

Brevet Major General A. McD. McCook has been ordered to relieve Brevet Brigadier General McKenzie in command of the Sub-District of the Rio Grande. General McKenzie is the officer who suppressed the Brownsville *Ranchero*.

ST. LOUIS.

Annual Report of the Fire Department---Casualties to Steamboats on Western and Southwestern Rivers.

ST. LOUIS, December 31.—A review of the operations of the fire department of this city for the past year shows the number of fires to have been two hundred and eighteen, entailing a loss of two millions seven hundred and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred dollars, on which there was insurance to the amount of one million seven hundred and eighty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars. Upwards of two millions of the above loss occurred in the month of March, when the Lindell Hotel was burned. The fire department of this city consists of ten steam engines, one hook and ladder truck, and two fuel wagons, worked by eighty-six men and fifty-four horses. The total expense of the department the past year was one hundred and forty thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

The *Republican* to-day publishes a list of casualties to steamboats on the western and southwestern rivers for the past year, which shows one hundred and twenty-eight accidents of all kinds, eighty-two of which resulted in destruction to boats, involving, as far as ascertained, a loss of six hundred and forty-five thousand dollars, on which there was insurance of five hundred and twelve thousand. The other casualties resulted in only partial destruction, and the loss is not given. Seventy-seven lives are known to have been lost by these accidents, and it is believed about twenty might be added to the list.

A light snow has fallen here since noon, with a prospect of its continuance all night. Temperature above the freezing point.

HAVANA.

Address of the Captain-General---Circular to Governors of Districts.

HAVANA, December 31.—The address by the new Captain-General, Lersundi, to the people of Cuba, is of a similar nature to that issued on assuming command of the Island on a former occasion. Knowing the gravity of the events which have recently transpired in the Island, the Queen and her Ministers are solicitous of adopting measures which will restore happier days than those of the past. Strict discipline on the part of the troops and abnegation and loyalty on the part of the people are the only means of attaining this end.

A circular has been issued to Governors of the Districts, which speaks of the attempted prosecution of the slave trade as madness, but still recommends zealous vigilance on their part to prevent it. Public opinion is overpoweringly against the traffic, and the decrees which have been issued and the penalties attached to their violation have killed the slave trade forever.

Pachkoff, a favorite servant of Maximilian, and bearer of his last words to Carlotta, died of vomito on the 14th inst., on board the steamship Danube, in quarantine at St Thomas.

BOYS IN BLUE.

State Convention to be Held in Philadelphia---Its Object to Nominate Gen. Grant.

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—A State Convention of the "Boys in Blue" association, composed of ex-soldiers and sailors, is to be held here January 8th. Its object is said to be the nomination of General Grant for President. One thousand delegates are expected to be present.

CITY MATTERS.

GRAND LODGE OF A. Y. M.—At the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday last (St. John's day) Richard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master, made the appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, among which were the following Pittsburghers: Grand Chaplains—Rev. J. J. McIlyar and Rev. Chas. Walther; Grand Steward—Wm Noble, Lodge No. 45; Committee on Finance—James Herdman, Lodge No. 287; Committee of Correspondence—R. Biddle Roberts, Lodge No. 253.

Patents Granted.

The following patents were issued from the United States Patent Office during the last week:

Howard Hartley, Pittsburgh, improved method in lining hose.

Michael Loughran, Pittsburgh, improved machine for rolling clevis blanks.

Thomas Skinner, Pittsburgh, improved method for forming designs upon metals, ivory, etc.

John Davis, Allegheny City, improvement in planetarium.

William J. Miller, McKeesport, improved car coupling.

James Raney, Newcastle, improvement in water wheels.

Coal mining machine drill carriage—Samuel Gissinger, Allegheny City.

Bolt headed machine—Robert Gracey, Pittsburgh.

Machine for squeezing puddled balls of iron—Samuel Gissinger, Lawrenceville.

Tongue support for railroad street cars—John M. Tiernan, Pittsburgh.

The Miltonian Tableaux.

The Academy of Music will be opened this afternoon and evening for the exhibition of the Miltonian Tableaux, one of the finest works of art ever brought into the United States. It is designed to illustrate Milton's poem of "Paradise Lost," and is one of the most faithful representations of the immortal poet's idea that has probably ever been given on canvas. The spectator of this exhibition cannot fail to derive the highest moral instruction, and it is, therefore, the very thing to which parents and guardians ought to take their children. These tableaux were painted in London by artists celebrated for their wonderful skill, and in every place where it has been exhibited the press and clergy have been unanimous in its praise. We say, by all means do not fail to see the Miltonian Tableaux. Go yourself and take your little ones along with you. A worthier exhibition has never been given in the "Iron City."

Stock Your Libraries.

Gentlemen of culture admire nothing so much as a well-filled library of standard works, and it is the duty of every head of a family who desires to have his children grow up intelligent men and women to possess such an institution in his house. Good books, no matter what their price, are not dear, so long as they are entertaining and instructive, and cost should not deter people from a duty they owe to themselves and society. But those who may feel indisposed to purchase books because of the ruling prices need not fear to do so now, since the well known firm of Davis, Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street, offer to sell their stock of books at greatly reduced rates, as will be seen by their card elsewhere. None but standard works, whose authorship ranks among the highest in this and the old country, are to be found on their shelves and counters, and they are so neatly and conveniently arranged that a ready selection may be made. "Good wine needs no bush," and such a stock of good books as are at Davis, Clarke & Co.'s need no puffing, and we will not attempt it. The thoughtful man who desires to make home happy during the present year will avail himself of the opportunity offered by Messrs. D., C. & Co to stock his library with such works as will instruct and entertain, and this can be done better nowhere else in the city.

Public Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—At the matinee this afternoon, Mlle. Ravel will appear in the drama of "The Broken Sword," and in her graceful act on the tight rope, the entertainment concluding with "Nature and Philosophy." In the evening, the interesting drama of "Marco the Mute" will be performed, Mlle. Ravel sustaining the principal character—the amusing farce of "Sarah's Young Man" completing the entertainment. With such attractive programmes, the entertainments at the Opera House cannot fail to attract and amuse crowded audiences.

MASONIC HALL.—There will be three exhibitions of the "Apocalypse" to-day—this morning at ten o'clock, in the afternoon at two o'clock, and in the evening, for the last time, at half-past seven o'clock. A sewing machine will be among the gifts to-night.

EXCELSIOR HALL.—Tom Thumb and his interesting family will commence their entertainments to-day at Excelsior Hall, Allegheny. Their levees will doubtless be crowded.

MLLE. JANAUSCHEK.—This distinguished German actress will appear at the Academy of Music next week—Monday evening as "Deborah," Tuesday evening as "Adrienne, the Actress," and Wednesday as "Mary Stuart." The sale of seats will commence to-morrow at Kleber & Bros, and at Mellor's.

"THREE NIGHTS IN SCOTLAND."—Mr. Kennedy's entertainments will be given next Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Masonic Hall. Reserved seats may be had at Mellor's, 81 Wood street.

MUNICIPAL BANQUET.

CELEBRATION OF CONSOLIDATION.

Feasting and Speech Making.

The Labors of the City Councils.

Our Financial Difficulties Explained

At a meeting of City Councils, held November 25th, the subject of consolidation being then under consideration, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a Joint Committee of two members from the Select and three from the Common Council, to make suitable arrangements for the celebration of that interesting event. The Committee was appointed, and after consultation made arrangements for a grand Banquet, which came off last evening, in the Common Council Chamber. Three tables were prepared in the chamber, and a fourth in the lobby, with seats for about two hundred guests. At half-past seven the Councils, municipal officers, and invited guests, began to assemble, and by eight o'clock, the hour announced on the circulars, the Select Council Chamber was well filled. The banquet was not announced until nine o'clock, the interval being spent very agreeably in mutual interchange of courtesies and civilities, examining the new City Chambers, etc. The tables were filled up without delay, and the rich displays of epicurean delicacies were gradually laid waste, until all were satisfied. Mr McGinley, the caterer, could not but feel gratified that his efforts were so decidedly appreciated.

When the rattling of knives and forks was almost suspended, Mr. D. O'Neill, of the Committee of Arrangements, moved that James McAuley, Esq., President of Select Council, be called to the chair, which motion prevailed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. McAuley took his place at the head of the table, and in a few pertinent remarks returned thanks to the gentlemen for the honor conferred upon him in choosing him to preside.

The organization was completed by the election of the following gentlemen:

Vice Presidents—Daniel O'Neill, Wm. R. Boggs, A. J. Cochran, James G. Weldon, Charles Jeremy, Chas. W. Batchelor, David Crawford, A. M. Brown and W. R. Ford.

Secretaries—C. A. Dravo, N. P. Reed, E. P. Jones, J. C. McCarthy and T. W. Welsh.

John C. McCarthy, Esq., moved that Dr. T. J. Gallaher be elected Surgeon of the meeting. The announcement was received with great laughter and applause, and upon the President putting the question, the Doctor was unanimously elected Surgeon.

Dr. Gallaher was then called upon and responded in a happy manner, relating an anecdote, the point of which was difficult to conceive.

Thos. Steel, Esq., the Controller elect, called upon the President, Mr. McAuley, for some remarks, and said that he hoped that the gentleman would be spared to preside over the deliberations of the Councils of the great consolidated city.

Mr. McAuley responded. He commenced by referring to the financial difficulties of the city, which commenced in 1861 and continued up until the settlement of the Railroad Bond indebtedness of the city, known as the "Compromise Settlement." He recited the measures adopted by Councils, and sketched the manner in which those very important financial negotiations had been conducted. Messrs. Wm. R. Brown, Col. Wm. Phillips, Nathaniel Holmes and others, were very favorably referred to in this connection.

Thomas Steel, Esq., late President of Common Council, and City Controller elect, made a very interesting speech. He said he desired to bear testimony to the great and important services rendered the city by the members of Councils, and particularly to the labors of individual members since his connection with city affairs in 1861. This was about the darkest and most trying time in the financial affairs of the city, and so embarrassing and pressing were the importunities of our creditors that it required the most adroit and skillful movements to avoid the ingenious writs and law proceedings of the courts to keep the wheels of the city government in motion and escape being cast into jail for contempt of Court. After the most persistent efforts and labors of Messrs. McAuley, Phillips, Brown, and others, a compromise was effected, and all our debts have been compromised but about $80,000. On adjusting with the bondholders those gentlemen looked around to save something from the wreck. By a bold financial movement it was found practicable on becoming personally responsible for $70,000, that that sum might be saved to the city by securing certain stocks, the title of which had passed from the city. Now who would incur this heavy responsibility among our committee, but Colonel Phillips, the President of the Allegheny Valley Railroad. Under the fine financial abilities of Messrs. McAuley and Phillips, this sum was not only realized, but $80,000 was made over and above, which was really the private gain of Colonel Phillips, but he, like a true man, placed all in one fund, the same to be presented to the city at the proper time. These bonds are not retired, but are earning interest which is applied in buying up additional bonds at market price, and they have been bought up until they now amount to $133,000, all of which has been saved to the city of Pittsburgh, by the untiring labors of those gentlemen.

They propose, with the approval of Councils, to have three Commissioners appointed, in whose hands the bonds shall be placed as a nucleus for a sinking fund to extinguish the city railroad indebtedness within fifty years, the time the bonds have to run. The interest being regularly invested in bonds at low or market rates will accomplish the desired end, and at farthest will not require more than a one mill tax to do all that is claimed. To Messrs. McAuley, Phillips, Brown and others among the Councils will the people of Pittsburgh be indebted for this fine stroke of financial policy in the creation of a sinking fund.

Mr. Steel went on to praise and set forth the great services of the various Committees of Councils, rendered to the public without fee or reward. His remarks were listened to with great attention, and more particularly as but few were aware of the facts set forth by Mr. Steel in relation to the $133,000 in interest bearing bonds about to be placed at the disposal of the city.

Wm. R. Brown, Esq., was called upon and made a few remarks on the same subject, which were listened to with much attention.

Major A. M. Brown, member of Council elect from the Sixth ward, after repeated calls, said that he came with the mere intention of being entertained, and not to instruct others, and thought therefore it was not his place to occupy time in a speech. He said, however, that as some of his friends from the new districts of the city were here, he extended to them a hand of welcome into the limits of Pittsburgh. Some of them, he said, had been opposed to consolidation, but he thought that in due time they would not regret becoming citizens of Pittsburgh, and would find it would be greatly to their interests. He concluded by wishing all a Happy New Year, and hoped that prosperity would reign in the Iron City for all time to come.

E. P. Jones, Esq., member of Council elect from Pitt township, was next called upon. He said he did not come for speech making, but to enjoy himself, and he was doing so to his heart's content.

General A. L. Pearson, in response to calls, made a few remarks. He thought that the interests of Pittsburgh would be greatly enhanced by the addition of the new districts, and that consolidation would be of great value to the citizens lately brought within its limits.

Col. Andrew Scott, Councilman elect from Lawrenceville, was next called upon. He said that he thought the new districts would be greatly benefitted by annexation with old Pittsburgh, and that the citizens generally would, in time, clearly see the benefits of consolidation.

On motion of Mr. McAuley, the thanks of the members of the old City Councils were returned to the gentlemen from the new districts for honoring the assembly with their presence on this occasion.

The gentlemen from the new districts, through one of their members, returned their thanks to the members of the old Councils, and the citizens generally of Pittsburgh, for the excellent banquet in which they had the honor to participate.

After a few moments of social talk, on motion of Mr. McCarthy the assembly adjourned.

ORPHANS' FAIR.—Another large crowd was in attendance last evening at the Orphans' Fair, being held in the basement of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the articles for sale are being disposed of rapidly. The Fair, no doubt, will be crowded to-night. At the close of the fair last night, the voting on the different articles stood as follows: For the silver pitcher and goblets to be awarded to the best natured man in Pittsburgh—General R. Biddle Roberts, 1; George H. Keyser, 115; Francis Connolly, 148; John H. Hare, 39; Wm. Anderson, 138; John W. Pittock, 26; Sheriff Cluley, 48; Andrew Jackman, 26; Alderman Strain, 26. For the silver tea set to be awarded to the best lady friend of the Orphans—Miss Harris, 186; Mrs. Strain, 155; Mrs. Savage, 70; Mrs. Anderson, 1.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1868.

THE COMMERCIAL is the largest daily paper in the State, and gives daily one-fourth more reading than any other paper in Pittsburgh. It is the only Pittsburgh paper that uses the telegraph liberally, gives full market reports, and all the news of the day.

As proof of the estimate placed on the market reports of the COMMERCIAL, we will state that they are regularly copied by the New York Economist, Shipping List, Iron Age, and other papers of this character in that and other cities, and that leading English commercial papers and circulars regularly reprint them with credit. There is within five hundred miles, hardly an Iron Factory, Oil Refinery, or leading manufactory of any kind that is not a subscriber to the COMMERCIAL, principally, because its reports are the only full and reliable given of the Pittsburgh markets.

IN accordance with an honored custom, the publication of the COMMERCIAL will be suspended for to-morrow.

THERE has been a story afloat that the friends of MR. CHASE, in case he is not nominated, intend to hold a separate Convention and place him on the track; concerning which the *Tribune* says:

> We believe we have some right to speak for the "friends of Mr Chase," and we beg to say to the *Times*, and to whom it may concern, that they intend to support whoever may be nominated for the Presidency by the Republican Convention to be held in Chicago on the 20th day of May next ensuing. We trust Mr. Chase may receive the nomination; but whether he does or not, the candidate will be heartily supported by him, as well as his friends. There need be no concern on that score.

ACCORDING to the *Herald's* correspondent Gen. BUTLER is arranging a vigorous campaign in support of his financial views—that is, the so-called payment of the national obligations in greenbacks. He is said to be in the receipt of many letters commending his scheme, and does not doubt that those who oppose it will go down under an adverse public opinion. And Gen. BUTLER is said to be equally confident that Gen. GRANT, like SAMSON, will in some mysterious way—as the result of a secret scheme to be sprung—be shorn of his locks and strength. PENDLETON thinks so, too, and is doing his best to have it so come about.

UNLESS they have undergone a great change, neither General MEADE nor General MCDOWELL will be the instrument for the accomplishment of MR. JOHNSON's reactionary purposes in the South. General MEADE, there is good reasons for saying, sympathises thoroughly with General GRANT, whom he prefers for President; and General MCDOWELL at the close of the war was one of the most out-spoken Radicals in the army. It is not likely that he has since approached very near to Mr. JOHNSON in his political views. It is not improbable that he was selected by General GRANT, the removal of General ORD being at his instance, partly at his own request, and partly because he was unsuited to the position. It will take two months to complete the change; but General MEADE will succeed General POPE immediately.

THE *Tribune* is furious againt General GRANT because the President has removed Generals POPE and ORD. "The President is making use of GRANT," says the *Tribune*; no faith is to be put in the man; for he is "the bulwark of the Administration." The *Tribune* would not be itself if it did not do some such thing as this now and then. He who volunteered to go, and did go, all the way to Richmond to bail JEFFERSON DAVIS, would as soon traduce General GRANT as do anything else. How the removal of POPE and ORD could have been prevented by GRANT, the *Tribune* does not, of course, stop to explain. The intention that GRANT, at stated intervals, shall be thoroughly abused in the *Tribune*, and no opportunity spoiled by stating the whole truth, must be carried out. The truth is, Congress so botched the reconstruction law that it failed entirely to take from the President the power to remove the district commanders, and instead of conferring on GRANT, as it intended to do, extensive powers, Congress in fact gave him very little power in the matter of reconstruction. Now, if the *Tribune* were half honest it would lay its complaints at the door where they belong. We fancy that the people, instead of applauding the *Tribune's* abuse of GRANT for not doing that which he is powerless to do, will be disposed to ask why Congress has not before this amended the mistakes Mr. JOHNSON is availing himself of?

1867.

Few are so filled with the present, or so happy in the anticipation of the future, as not to be a little startled, or at least a little interested in the thought that another year has gone. Another circle of time (as the Romans called it) with its manifold births of good and evil—with its toils and their motives, its duties and their responsibilities, its hopes and fears, and their disappointment or realization—has gone to join the years before the flood—another link added to the great cycle of the ages. The thoughtful man looks before as well as after daily—and especially is he prompted to do so at a season so distinctly marked. Nor in looking back will he fix his eyes exclusively upon the events of his own house or his own land. In these times of rapid intercommunication of intelligence and rapid interaction of events; when the people of one hemisphere live virtually in the presence of whatever of importance takes place in the other; when a deed of heroism or a deed of shame performed in Washington or in London, within a few hours excites the thrill of generous admiration or of loathing disgust in Singapore, in Canton, and even under the shadow of the Himalayas; in these circumstances it is impossible to restrict our retrospect to our own country, or our own continent.

In glancing at Europe, and recalling the prominent events of the year just closed, there are several things which we may regard with satisfaction as affording ground of good hope for the future. It was impossible for us, either as men or republicans, to look with much complacency on the governmental spectacle presented by Germany a few years ago. A multitude, which no schoolboy could number, of most serene and most august kinglets, princelets and dukelings—with territories extending over so much as fifty-three square miles—with vast armies of fifty-five men, in which the officers, men of sublime rank, outnumbered the soldiers, perhaps, could hardly appear to any of us as as beings of peculiar sacredness. And each little court was surrounded with lords and ladies of blood quite ethereal in its purity, many of whom in their single persons combined with a poverty to excite compassion, a measure of pride to move contempt, and a measure of arrogance to move disgust. Indeed "proud as a German Baron" and "arrogant as a *Junker*, or young German aristocrat," are sayings become proverbial beyond the limits of Fatherland. The successful accomplishment of Count BISMARCK's plan of German unification may surely be regarded by us as a step towards a consummation in which philanthropists will rejoice. Even while regretting the individual hardships and mortifications necessarily involved in the scheme, and feeling unable to applaud some of the measures rendered inevitable by it; still, upon the whole, we cannot help being glad that a great Protestant Power—long the enlightened promoter of popular education, the earnest patron of the sciences and the arts—and with a population constituted by its elements and educated by its history into energy, valor, and all the manly virtues—has at length become the central figure and directing Head of so many millions of men.

Italy presents a less satisfactory spectacle. But even in regard to Italy the events of last year do not kill hope. It is hard to judge the Italian people. They have been most justly appreciated and best described by some of their own writers. Their character has changed but little, radically, if at all, for many hundred years. In the fifteenth century MACHIAVELLI said of his countrymen: "There is great virtue in the members when it is not wanting in their heads or chiefs." As individuals how grand many of them have been in action—what force and energy of character—what resolution and persistence in the face of obstacles and discouragement.

> 'To breast the blows of circumstance,
> And grapple with their evil star!'

How many names come to memory—but think only of CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS!

But they have been for so many centuries ruled by foreigners whose policy has ever been to sow suspicion and distrust among them, that they seem utterly unable to act together for any considerable time, under the direction of one controlling mind. They have been so often deceived that they no longer have faith in anyone; or believe that anyone designs their ultimate good. GARIBALDI they trusted,—and while the work to be done was mainly to pull down, he was a good guide. But "heart of gold, head of buffalo," as D'AZEGLIO described him, they continued to believe in and follow him, when he was quite unequal to the trust. In consequence, they have not only postponed the accomplishment of the very object they most desired, but they appear likely to bring back their old division into petty sections, and have actually brought their King and so themselves into unworthy and humiliating relations with the great, bad man of Paris—who dictates to and snubs the King of Italy as compensation for the mortifications French vanity must endure from Prussia. We believe, however, that PETRARCH's words—with which MACHIAVELLI closes his famous exhortation to his countrymen to rise against their barbarian oppressors—are still true—

> "L'antico valore
> Negl' Italici cuor non e ancor morto;"

and we may not in any case utterly despair about a people in whose hearts true worth and valor continues to live.

In thinking of our own history during the past year, we cannot say that our predominant sentiment is one of exultation or even unmixed satisfaction. In remembrance of benefits received and apprehended evils averted, we might well all unite in a hymn of thanksgiving. As we heard a gentleman remark a few days ago, there are nations in Europe which might be sustained on our waste. But we are an ungrateful people—as a people we mean, of course, for that there are multitudes among us not open to any such charge, who doubts. It is a saddening fact, however; especially to the believer in popular government who desires to trust the people, it is a very depressing fact that so many of our countrymen, some of them legislators and men in high position, have been found able to listen patiently and with no outburst of indignant remonstrance to the exposition of schemes of gigantic fraud—schemes which, if carried out, will sink us all in one common abyss of degradation and infamy, and cause the representatives of our nation abroad, not only in Christendom, but in China, in India, and in the Pacific islands, to hang their heads in shame and almost disown the land of their birth. However, this feeling is premature. Many may not be a majority, and it is really incredible that this great, intelligent people with their churches, and schools, and books—with their admitted courage and sense of honor, shall ever thus degrade themselves in the eyes of mankind. We may still, therefore, be reasonably confident that no such overwhelming calamity awaits us as a nation; and that the distinction of rejecting a temptation offered to our baser natures after deliberately looking at it, will remain the chief result of the agitation of the subject.

NAPOLEON AND THE POPE.

The English press contain interesting articles on the situation in the dominions of the Pope. The action of the French Government on the Italian question is regarded as full of significance. It is declared that, while the French Government is committed to the cause of the Pope, NAPOLEON is no longer master of the situation. The London *Review* declares with emphasis, that "the Emperor, for the first time in his reign, has been the governed, not the governor." The policy is not his, but that of the Chamber of M. THIERS. He has been told, in effect, that he does not know how to manage the foreign affairs of France, and must hereafter consult the wishes of the Chamber, and carry out exactly and honestly what the Chamber demands. It is asserted that this humiliation of the Emperor has been brought about not only by the rising spirit of liberty in France, but by the conviction in the minds of his people that he is a failure, and no longer possesses the sagacity to lead them rightly. The present extraordinary position of France toward Italy is a declaration that Italy shall never have Rome, and that Rome shall be taken to mean the whole existing territory of the Pope. This guarantee is to be made good by the presence of French troops, and if Italy desires the removal of a foreign army from her territory, she must abandon all claim to regard the Romans as Italians. In this aspect of the case, Rome and the whole Pontifical territory will become to all intents and purposes a French province. What course Italy may pursue, and what alliances she may form in order to rid herself of the iron heel of France, are questions of absorbing interest. Her weakness is well known, but the jealousy with which other European nations have occasion to regard NAPOLEON, and his diplomatic interferences, may enure to the benefit of Italy, and bring to her a powerful support from quarters not now anticipated. At present Italy seems utterly powerless to resist, and must be content to await the development of events. The Pope must realize that he is now guaranteed against Italy, without any condition whatever as to reforms in the Roman territory, and will therefore be more than ever disposed to brave Italy and rely on France.

Opera in Philadelphia.

Grover will open a season of opera in Philadelphia Monday evening next. The company will comprise Maretzek's Italian Opera, Grover's German Opera and Harrison's Concert and Oratorio Companies united. "Romeo and Juliet," "Othello," "Don Giovanni," "L'Africaine," "Il Trovatore" and "Faust" are underwritten, with the comic operas of "Don Bucefalo," "The Carnival of Venice" and "The Barber of Seville." The company includes Madame Parepa-Rosa, Signora Gazzaniga and Ronconi, Miss Minnie Hauck, and Signori Ronconi, Pellini, Antonucci, Hermanns, Habelman, De Meyer, Carl Rosa, and others whose names are established among the lovers of music. The choruses have been selected with care and are believed to be more perfect than any yet heard in this country. Will Mr. Grover pay Pittsburgh a visit?

IT is stated from Washington that the "Whisky Ring is not strong enough to encircle Congress, and that the day of its reign is over." It has been well said that the whisky tax is the key to the financial situation, and the country is waiting for Congress to take the proper action. It is a disgrace to the country that the "Ring" should be stronger than the government.

A DISPATCH to the *Press*, relative to the testimony convicting Sawyer of black-mailing the oil inspectors, says: I believe Mr. Sawyer claims that he has a defense against these charges, and, if so, he should be heard. But it must be recollected that the officer making this report is a leading Philadelphia Democrat, holding place under Andrew Johnson, and not, therefore, disposed to do any wrong to a newspaper especially devoted to "my policy." Oil and whisky may not mix chemically any more than oil and water, but they make a terrible confederation when combined as they were in the late elections.

GENTLEMEN are in Washington with letters from military and civil officials in Georgia and South Carolina, to urge upon Congressmen and General Grant the imperative necessity for doing something at once to relieve the suffering in those States. They say it is not confined to either race, but that in many sections the whites are even worse off than the blacks. They think more aid must be given in South Carolina this winter than was needed last season. The situation in Georgia is not quite so bad as it was a year ago.

PRIVATE advices from New Orleans state that a strong political movement in favor of nominating General Grant for President is being developed among the Republicans, and that Grant clubs are being organized in every precinct of the city. Among the leaders in the movement are many persons who were foremost in the organization of the General Butler Republican clubs last summer.

THE Buffalo *Commercial* states that the project of consolidating the Buffalo and Erie, Erie and Cleveland and Cleveland and Toledo Railroads has been abandoned for the present. A consultation held a few days ago resulted in the disagreement of the representatives of the companies interested upon the financial basis of consolidation. The parties are wide apart.

TALK ABOUT BOOKS.

The Huguenots: Their Settlements, Churches and Industries in England and Ireland. With an appendix relating to the Huguenots in America.—This excellent book is by Samuel Smiles, the author of "Lives of the Engineers." Those who have read his life of the elder Stephenson know his skill in giving interest to dry details. In histories, essays and memoirs of the most diverse character, the Huguenots are perpetually turning up in various countries—a fact to be referred to their dispersion by persecution, especially by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. In this work the reader will find his feeling of curiosity or interest fully satisfied, and much besides to throw light on subjects not directly implied in the title. The sketch here given of the early history of Printing, and the sketch of Palissy, the Potter, will gratify even those who have already read much on the subjects. In fact, the book is entertaining from beginning to end, and as a work of reference will be found highly satisfactory, as it is provided with a good index. We give one extract from it, in which a King appears very little and a Potter very great:

> "The French historian D'Aubigne, in his *Universal History*, describes Henry III. as visiting Palissy in person, with the object of inducing him to abjure his faith. 'My good man,' said the King, 'you have now served my mother and myself for forty-five years. We have put up with your adhering to your religion amid fires and massacres. But now I am so pressed by the Guise party, as well as by my own people, that I am constrained to leave you in the hands of your enemies, and to-morrow you will be burnt unless you become converted.' 'Sire,' answered the unconquerable old man, 'I am ready to give my life for the glory of God. You have said many times that you have pity on me; now I have pity on you, who have pronounced the words 'I am constrained.' It is not spoken like a King, sire; it is what you and those who constrain you, the Guisards and all your people, can never effect upon me, for I know how to die.'" [Published by Harper & Brothers. On sale at H. Miner's.]

Life and Letters of Geo. W. Bethune, D. D.; by Rev. A. R. Van Nest, D. D. Dr. Bethune passed away from the world under circumstances very unfavorable to the due recognition of his merits at the time. He not only died in a foreign land, but in one of the darkest seasons of our late war. Then we could no more take account of the departed than a ship's crew with their vessel on her beam ends in a typhoon can lower a boat to recover a comrade washed over board. He did not die unnoticed, but had he died just before, or since the war, the notice taken of the event would have been very different. For Dr. Bethune—in the old phrase—was not only every inch a man,—and he was a man of many inches,—but he was much more than an ordinary man. We are gratified to be able to announce a memorial of him in the form of a biography, which if not prepared with much enthusiasm or great skill, is reasonably well written and is of only reasonable length. It would be melancholy indeed, if the fate of second burial under bales of paper, had been permitted to fall upon that fiery spirit, simply because he happened to be a preacher as well as a scholar and a poet. The "one more unfortunate" is not to be lamented in the person of Dr. Bethune.

We desire to excite an interest in this work and its subject in those who at present know little or nothing about him or it. Perhaps the best way of doing that will be to tell them a few of the things to be found in this book. This biography may be looked upon as an off-shoot or long note to the book above noticed. Though Dr. Bethune's name does not occur in Mr. Smiles's work, it ought, or at least has a right to be named therein. On his father's side he was of French Huguenot descent, and was a scion of the old family of Picardy, who gave their name to the town of Bethune, on the Canal of Aire. Of course his French ancestors pronounced themselves *Batoon*, while he called himself *Beaton*, according to the Scotch transmogrification of the name. His ancestor was driven by persecution to Scotland. His father, Divie Bethune, emigrated first to West Indian Tobago, and then to New York, where he became a prosperous merchant, and where Geo. W., the Doctor, was born in 1805. The Doctor's mother was a daughter of Isabella Graham, a woman so devout and so energetic in doing what she thought right that her name is still fresh in the memory and respect of many thousands. In another church she might have been canonized. George was a lively child; intellectually precocious, his biographer seems to imply. At any rate, causality, as the phrenologists call it, must have been early developed, for he was one day found in the garden "struggling with the old cat to bury her in the ground, that she might grow kittens." To the same trait must be referred a remark made by him when somewhat older—"My hat is a little too large; however, if I stuff a little more Latin and Greek into my sap-head, I shall be able to fill it." As a boy he appears to have been full of life, of self-assertion, and of exuberant mirthfulness. Rather indolent, however, and giving his father much anxiety on that account, as well as on account of his want of reverence for authority. While a small boy he caned two teachers in succession, revolutionizing the natural and constitutional state of things in the most astonishing manner, as both these gentlemen, in the exercise of a painful duty, had attempted to cane him. "*So little a boy and so big a sinner!*" as the Bishop of Hippo said of his own youthful self about a very different matter. One of these teachers was the once well-known blind Dr. Nelson. A great subject of concern to his parents was his indifference to religion; we should rather say, his contempt for its claims upon him. No doubt the old story—true of so many sons of Scotch and Scotch Irish religious people—it was injudiciously thrust upon him in the form of traditional teaching and hereditary observances not in seeming accordance with the life and notions of his world. At New York he was for a while a student of Columbia College, where one of his instructors was Charles Anthon, familiarly known as "Bull" among his irreverent pupils. Dr. Mason having gone to Carlisle as President of Dickinson College, young Bethune was transferred to that quiet village, where his brother-in-law, Mr. Duffield, was pastor of a church. And there he was graduated in 1824. During this year, at Carlisle, he passed through a crisis of his life much more important than graduation. In the midst of a season of spiritual interest in the village, he became the subject of religious convictions so deep and powerful as completely to change the current of his thoughts and purposes, as well as his view of life and its relations. Not only to his friends but to all who knew him the change was obvious and unmistakable. Nor was this change either transient or superficial. We now know that it was radical and permanent. He resolved to become a preacher of the gospel, and for thirty-seven years neither his feelings nor his resolution seem to have either flagged or wavered. His near relatives, indeed nearly all those whom he had learned to revere, were religious after the symbol of faith which he had now adopted as his own. He does not appear to have ever indulged in general reading, while a boy, and when the taste for that amusement was at length awakened, its range was among the English classics of the times of Elizabeth and Anne. His health was good; for him to breathe was to enjoy. Hence when brought under the influence of the sentiments which so powerfully moulded and controlled his subsequent career, he does not appear to have been troubled at all by those doubts and misgivings, with which a more meditative or speculative spirit would have had to contend. Happily for himself he was probably never led either by natural disposition or the impulse of books or companions, to brood over the ænigma of the world—those problems discussed thousands of years ago "in the tents of Arab emirs," as we learn from the book of Job—and which, a little more than a hundred years since, filled the bright soul of young Goethe, amidst his Hebrew studies, with "dark questioning." No doubt he thought of them in a sense; the problems were laid before him, and the answers which had satisfied his father and mother, proved satisfactory to him. In the seminary, we learn of his reading Paley, and doubtless he found the mental pabulum pleasant to his taste and nutritious. Upon the foundation of scholarship laid in New York and in Carlisle he continued to build with creditable diligence. We learn of his purchasing the Regent's classics—about one hundred volumes—and he studied many of them. At a later period of his life—when he was actively connected with several benevolent societies—was frequently called on for addresses—was a copious contributor to magazines—and was besides pastor of a large and intelligent city congregation—we learn that in a single winter he read all Euripides in Greek. But he does not appear to have ever meddled much with either the facts or the speculations of science, or to have, in any adequate degree, appreciated the bearings of these subjects and their methods on the foundations of his own profession. This view is sustained by Dr. Wynne's account of his library—quoted in the memoir. Hence we need not look to Dr. Bethune for a solution, or help towards a solution of any of the tremendous questions of our time. He was essentially a man of the old world, and as such must be judged. As such he was in several directions admirable and noble. And hence there is a certain help, at least some stimulus in contemplating his life and knowing how he lived it.

When the cholera first broke out in Utica, and the people generally were dehumanized by craven fear, and an unknown stranger, at one of the hotels, seized with the disease, was turned out by the wayside to die, Dr. Bethune lifted him in his arms, took him to his own house, and had him cared for till he got well. When, on another occasion, asked by a member of his family why he looked so pleased, he told, with delight, how he had been able to make a poor woman happy, by filling her market basket with something better than she could afford to buy. "It is cold! very cold!" he said, as he wrapped his cloak about him, in the presence of several rich men of his church, after Thanksgiving service, on a bleak November day, "oh remember the poor!" At Rome, "he was unable to enjoy himself over the graves of buried millions." Though a Calvinist of the Calvinists, he held pleasant intercourse with accomplished priests of the church farthest from Geneva. And when Gavazzi, in his presence at a public meeting, denounced an eminent jurist, because a Roman Catholic, Dr. B. left the house; saying, "T. is a most pure man, Gavazzi knows nothing about us." Though a zealous reformer, and a most powerful platform speaker, he never uttered a word, or took a step in the direction of fanaticism. When to please his wife, and perhaps gratify his own liberal curiosity, he went one night to the San Carlo Opera, at Naples, and a flare-up and a secession took place in his church in consequence, Dr. Bethune was laid up with a spell of sickness. Indeed, he was as sensitive, not only to public opinion, but to individual judgments, as if he had been ignorant that every community has within it a few male and female quidnuncs of unclean minds and unclean mouths, who, without the bird's infallible instinct, snuff the breezes for moral taint as the vulture snuffs them for something more substantial, and who gather and caw around a mangled name, very much as we have seen crows in the East, where they are shockingly tame, gathering and cawing around a sick camel left by a hurrying caravan to die. Our sympathy once prompted us to drive them away—experience admonished us that it was of no use. "Nature expelled with a fork will come back." Dr. Bethune was very fond of fishing. He had, perhaps, the largest collection of books relating to the subject anywhere to be found, and his most important contribution to literature is his edition of Izaak Walton. But unlike the sporting clergymen of other lands, he never, when on his excursions, forgot the great work to which he had consecrated himself. He founded a church among the destitute of the Thousand Islands, whither he used to go in summer for his favorite amusement, and maintained it mainly out of his own pocket, or the pockets of his particular friends. To be sure, it seems a low enthusiasm for a preacher of righteousness to excel in hooking little fishes not needed for food; however, he shared the taste with some really wise men, and we may believe that it was the natural scenery of the meadows, woods and streams that chiefly attracted him. In this volume there is a beautiful narrative of a professional adventure that befel him on one of these piscatorial jaunts.

Dr. Bethune loved all that was good and noble wherever found. He appreciated and loved literature, and there was no narrowness in his judgment of it. He was himself a true poet—not a great one—but many of his verses and several of his short poems are such as never fell from the poetaster as happy accidents. Few ever possessed a more intelligent or discerning eye for the beautiful, or could describe it with a more fervid grace. After seeing at Dresden Rauch's monument of Queen Louise (the wise and beautiful Queen of Prussia) he writes: "I was silent for an hour after I left the building, following my guide about the grounds almost unconsciously." Again, writing of Raphael's Sistine Madonna, he says: "I have gazed upon it for hours, and shall carry it away upon my heart. That picture is really worth my whole journey." These sentences are quoted in illustration of his feeling—not of his descriptive power.

Dr. Bethune's views on some subjects of general interest have been much misrepresented. For example, he has been sometimes spoken of as pro-slavery in sentiment. From this book we learn what we did not doubt before, that he looked upon slavery as it existed in the South as a crime, and long ago described it as such. We fear—rather we believe that like many of our best and wisest men, his ordinary language on the subject may have been somewhat controlled by patriotism in view of our constitutional connection with the institution. Long extracts from his colonization speeches and from his letters and journals written in England, which show his opinions and feelings about the matter, are given in this memoir. We may here add, that the most valuable portions of this work, are drawn from the record by himself of his thoughts and experience beyond the sea. During the last three years he never rose in the morning or went to bed at night with the ordinary certainty of life. His nightly devotion on going to rest, was the little prayer of four lines which he had learned in childhood at his mother's knee—the same form of words in which John Quincy Adams, through life, was wont to commit himself to sleep, and to the care of Him who never slumbers or sleeps. Though warned against the danger both by his physician and his friends, Dr. Bethune preached with his usual power and impression on the day of his death. He died in Florence April 27, 1862. Our object in this slight sketch has been not to gratify so much as to excite interest in this biography—and we now add that the reader will find in the volume, besides the sufficiently full history of its subject, and the records already mentioned, many very good anecdotes.

Before dismissing this highly interesting memoir there are two or three points not directly relating to its subject to which we must refer. The first point meant, gathers interest and dignity from the distinction of the parties involved. It is nothing less than a peep allowed into a room in which two of the greatest luminaries of the healing art were engaged in conference. These were Sir Astley Cooper and Sir James Clarke—the two Galens who in their time "poised their gilthead canes and pawed their beards and muttered" in a greater number of aristocratic sick chambers than any other members of their noble profession. The scene here merely opened and at once shut, must have been described by Dr. Bethune scores of times in a manner very particular and highly graphic—but Dr. Van Nest seems to have distrusted his power of doing justice to the subject. Only Moliere, only the writer who has told us how Doctors Tomes, Bahis, Macroton and Desfonandres consulted together "*de la bonne manière*" could have sufficiently rendered this medical scene in London. The scene, however, was very unlike the one in Paris. In Paris there was wide divergence of opinion followed by angry recrimination; whereas in London beautiful harmony and triumphant unison prevailed. Those eminent men, Sir Astley and Sir James, had been called in to see Mrs. Bethune, indeed she had crossed the Atlantic mainly for the benefit of their advice. On their second visit, after examining the patient, as the case was critical they retired "to consult." The lodgings or quarters were small, or confined, it seems, and the partitions objectionably thin; so that Dr. Bethune could overhear the conversation of the oracles of medicine, and, considering his relation to the patient, he could hardly doubt the propriety of learning whatever the situation, for which he was not responsible, might enable him to learn. Well, the physicians when alone at once began to chat in a pleasant manner with each other—to gossip, in fact. Soon one took the lead, and told how narrowly he had once escaped being involved in a duel. The story was so entertaining that time ran away with them. One of them glanced at his watch and started up in haste to be gone, when the other reminded his brother of their patient, Mrs. Bethune. "Oh, the same old pill! the same old pill!" was the response, to which the other cheerfully assented, "Yes! the same old pill! the same old pill!" and the consultation was over. The report then gravely rendered to Dr. Bethune in the next room must be imagined.

The second extraneous matter to be referred to is one of greater gravity and practical importance. On page 193 of this volume, C. C. Felton, LL.D., long Professor of Greek at Harvard, and then President of that renowned university, writes to Dr. Bethune as follows: "Your discourse cannot fail to do good. They need such doctrine at Yale as much as anywhere. *They are too stiff, solemn and dyspeptic.*" That is all well enough and clear enough; the same might be said of some other colleges in the land. The amazing statement comes next, and is as follows: "A good friend of mine returning thence (from Yale) a short time ago, asserted *as of his positive knowledge* that it was a common custom there *to take every morning a strong mixture of ramrods.*" And then President Felton naturally inquires: "How can they be cheerful with such a habit as that?" Our young friends have never said anything of this habit as prevalent at Yale. Is it esoteric and a mystery? "Stiff as a ramrod" is a rather vulgar though actually current phrase—highly figurative, indeed, but still quite expressive of extreme uprightness of walk and extreme preciseness of talk. It may pass, though not having the same fashionable sanction as the phrase "stiff as a poker," inasmuch as the famous Sir James Crampton, M. D., is known to have said many years ago of the Lady of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, that "she had all the stiffness of a poker without its occasional warmth." But mixture of ramrods! That seems to imply *solution*, and then the appropriateness of the figure and the homeopathic effect [illegible] the dose, are at once destroyed! Can it [illegible] we have here a sort of concession to the degeneracy of the times, a sort of adjustment to circumstances? We know that, more than a hundred years ago, the rod was still used in Yale, in the manner in which Solomon is believed to have prescribed it; and the ramrod was at one time used in the Austrian army as the instrument with which corporal punishment was inflicted on refractory soldiers. Is it possible that this "mixture of ramrods" is the symbol of a compromise—such as one would expect from men unwilling to break entirely with the past and yet alive to the requirements of the present? Is it the administration internally of a dose which the spirit of the age no longer allows to be administered on the outside?

We throw out this conjecture with becoming modesty and deference, and withhold any expression of admiration for the ingenuity of the institution, until assured of the correctness of our theory.—[Published by Sheldon & Co. Sold by Davis, Clarke & Co.

PERSONAL.

—Hon. Thaddeus Stevens has so far recovered from his recent indisposition that he is engaged in the preparation of a speech in favor of the Alaska appropriation bill. He insists that his health is not so poor as either his friends or enemies think it is.

—Dolly Davenport, having read over fifty obituary notices of himself, cut out from Northern newspapers, and forwarded to New Orleans, has come to the conclusion that he must be really dead, and now signs himself, accordingly, "Yours, truly, A. H. Davenport, deceased.

—Mr. C. A. Dana will be editor-in-chief of the new paper which will absorb the New York *Sun*; Mr. Byington, of the Norwalk (Conn.) *Gazette*, will be its publisher, and Mr. I. W. England, city editor.

—James Roper, the largest landholder and wealthiest colored man in Jefferson county, Va., is dead. He was the natural son of an eccentric Englishman, who bequeathed to him a considerable fortune. He had a mania for adding to his large landed estate. Every year he would buy a farm, paying frequently large prices. In his habits he was intemperate, but his shrewdness did not forsake him when drunk. He never voted nor served on a jury.

—General Morgan L. Smith, before he went as Consul to the Sandwich Islands, got a divorce from his wife and married a new one. The first wife declares he succeeded through fraud, and is seeking to have the divorce case tried over. All of which is embarrassing to the new one.

—The woman, Cobb, no longer holds sway at Washington, but, it is said, has been succeeded in power and influence in high quarters by another female, the widow of an Indiana General of volunteers, of whose accomplishments and accomplishings strange stories are told by Washington gossips.

—The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that Chief Justice Slough, who was killed at Santa Fe by Captain Rynerson, was a native of that city. At one time he was a Democratic Representative in the Legislature from Hamilton county, from which body he was expelled, and the vacancy filled by the election of Robert House, Esq. Mr. Slough emigrated to the West, and he went into the war as Colonel of the Colorado cavalry. He was subsequently Military Governor of Alexandria, Virginia, and was appointed Chief Justice of New Mexico by Mr. Lincoln or Mr. Johnson. He was related to the late Judge McLean.

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NOTICES.

OFFICE OF EAGLE COTTON MILLS CO., }
Pittsburgh, December 31, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF** the Stockholders for the election of Directors, Treasurer and Clerk, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, Allegheny, on TUESDAY, January 7th, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.
A. O. FRANCE, Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY INSURANCE CO., }
No. 37 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, Dec. 31, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Twelve Directors, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 13th, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
C. G. DONNELL, Secretary.

OFFICE BOATMAN'S F. AND M. INSURANCE CO., }
Pittsburgh, December 30, 1867. }

☞ **AN ELECTION FOR TWELVE** DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at its office, on Water street, Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, January 13th, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
ROBERT FINNEY, Secretary.

☞ **MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS' INSURANCE CO. ELECTION.**—The annual election for Directors of this Company will be held on MONDAY 13th January, 1868, at the Office, 87 Water street, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
WM. F. JONES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S INSURANCE CO., }
Pittsburgh, December 30, 1867. }

☞ **AN ELECTION FOR TWELVE** DIRECTORS of this Company, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company on MONDAY, January 13th, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
WM. F. GARDNER, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, December 28, 1867.

☞ **THE STOCKHOLDERS** of the Jones & Nimick Manufacturing Company will please take notice that the annual election for Directors of said Company, to serve for one year, will be held at THEIR OFFICE on Diamond street, on MONDAY, the 13th day of January, 1868, from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M.
SAML. H. JACOBUS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

☞ **FEDERAL OIL COMPANY.**—There will be a meeting of Stockholders of the Federal Oil Company at No. 19 Irwin street, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868, at 10 A. M. All interested are notified to attend, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting. By order of the Board. A. B. MILLS, Sec'y.
December 30, 1867.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 7, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** of Directors for the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh, will take place at the Banking House, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M., on TUESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1868.
H. M. MURRAY, Cashier.

☞ **PITTSBURGH AND M'KEESPORT CAR COMPANY.**—The annual Stockholders' meeting, for the election of officers and such other business as may be brought before the meeting, will be held at the office of Craig Brothers, 152 First street, on MONDAY the 13th of January, prox., at 11 o'clock A. M.
T. J. CRAIG, Sec'y.

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, }
Pittsburgh, December 27, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, January 7th, 1868, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
ROBERT J. GRIER, Cashier.

OFFICE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA RR.
Philadelphia, December 28, 1867.

☞ **THE ANNUAL [illegible]** of the Stockholders of the [illegible] sylvania Railroad Company, will [illegible] DAY, January 13th, 1868, at [illegible] No. 238 SOUTH THIRD ST[illegible]. Annual election for President [illegible] held same day and place.
JOS[illegible], Secretary.

OFFICE HOUSE OF [illegible] PA., }
No. 67 Fourth street, Pittsburgh, }
27th December, 1867 }

☞ **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF** the Contributors to the House of Refuge will be held at the Office of the Institution, No. 67 Fourth street, Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock, to hear the Report of the Board of Managers, and to elect a Board of Managers to serve for the ensuing year. By order
J. B. D. MEEDS, Secretary.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 23, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 14th, 1868, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
GEO. A. ENDLY, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, }
December 19, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** of Directors of this Bank will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 14th, 1868, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
J. D. SCULLY, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF ALLEGHENY, }
Allegheny City, December 14, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, January 14th, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
J. N. DAVIDSON, Cashier.

THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, }
December 14, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Nine (9) Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, January 14th, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
ROBERT J. STONEY, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' AND MANUF'RS NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 14, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors of this Bank will take place at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, January 14th, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
JOHN SCOTT, JR., Cashier.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 14, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, No. 84 Fourth street, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
D. LEET WILSON, Cashier.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, }
Pittsburgh, December 13, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for nine Directors to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
JOHN B. LIVINGSTON, Cashier.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 14, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for nine Directors, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the bank on TUESDAY, 14th day of January, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
R. W. MACKEY, Cashier.
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TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 7, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** FOR ELEVEN DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the BANKING HOUSE, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
W. VANKIRK, Vice President.

FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 7, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock P. M.
R. A. GEORGE, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK, }
Pittsburgh, December 7, 1867. }

☞ **AN ELECTION FOR ELEVEN** Directors of this Bank, will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M., and 2 P. M.
F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, }
Pittsburgh, Pa., December 7, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, 14th January, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.
J. E. BRADY JR., Cashier.

PITTS'GH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, }
December 7, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** for Nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1868, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.
JOS. H. HILL, Cashier.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, }
Birmingham, December 6, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL ELECTION** of Seven Directors of this Bank will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 7th, 1868, between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock P. M.
JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RR. CO., }
Office of Secretary and Treasurer, }
Cleveland, Ohio, December 2, 1867. }

☞ **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF** the Stockholders of the CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD COMPANY, for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the OFFICE OF THE COMPANY, in Cleveland, O., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1868. The Transfer Books will be closed on the 16th instant, and reopened January 2d.
G. A. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

☞ **DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE** Directors of the Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company have declared a Dividend of THREE AND A HALF PER CENT. for the past six months, free of all tax, payable at their Office on and after the 1st day of January, 1868.
WILLIAM MARSHALL, Pres't.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE—BY Virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny County, the undersigned, executor of James S. Neeld, late of [illegible] County, deceased, will expose to sale by Public [illegible] ue or Outcry, on the premises in Upper St. Clair [illegible] wnship, Allegheny County, Pa.,

On THURSDAY, January 9th, 1868,

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

All that certain lot or tract of land, situate in Upper St. Clair township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a sugar tree on McLaughlin's Run, adjoining lands of Hiram Ray; thence by lands of said Ray south 46 degrees, west 55.26 perches to a post; thence south 60 degrees, west 5.75 perches to a stump; thence north 47 degrees, west 43.46 perches to a hickory; thence north 59½ degrees, west 67.8 perches to a stone; thence by land of Wilson Leslett south 31½ degrees, west 90 perches to a post; thence by land of Samuel Collins south 88 degrees, east 30 perches to a white-oak; thence north 7 degrees, west 39 perches to a st[illegible]; thence by land of J. McMillin Jr., north 8[illegible] degrees, east 20.12 perches to a post; the[illegible] 63¾ degrees, east 38 perches to a post; [illegible] 8¾ degrees, east 20 perches to a pos[illegible] 3 degrees, east 15 perches to an [illegible] lands of Thomas McMillin's [illegible] grees, east 144 perches to [illegible] containing 96 Acres and [illegible] measure.

Terms.—After ded[illegible] 100 expenses of sale [illegible] nt of sale, one-third of the [illegible] lien on said premises, secu[illegible] age, during the lifetime of th[illegible] mes S. N[illegible] ceased; the [illegible] ducting said and expe[illegible] paid on confir[illegible] sale.

For [illegible] quire of
[illegible] NEELD, Executor, or
[illegible] UTERMAN,
Attorney for the Estate,
[illegible] 139 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh.

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Will be exposed at Public Sale on the premises, WEDNESDAY, January 22d, 1868, by Wm. McCall's, Sr., heirs, SEVENTY ACRES OF LAND, situate three miles east of Wilkinsburg, on the Greensburg turnpike, with good house and barn, orchard of good fruit, and other improvements. Also, one tenant house. 35 acres of the above being good Coal Land. All of which will be sold in whole or in parts to suit customers. Terms made known on day of sale. Further information can be obtained at 487 Liberty street, or at J. S. M'CALL'S, East Liberty. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock A. M. eod

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BANKRUPTCY.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
GEORGE W. CHAMBERS.

A Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, having applied for a discharge from all his debts, and other claims provable under said Act, by order of the Court, notice is hereby given, to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, to appear on the 22d day of January, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., before SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., Register, at his Office, No. 93 DIAMOND STREET, in the city of Pittsburgh, to show cause, if any they have, why a discharge should not be granted to the said Bankrupt. And further, notice is hereby given, that the Second and Third Meetings of Creditors of the said Bankrupt, required by the 27th and 28th Sections of said Act, will be had before the said Register, at the same time and place.
S. C. McCANDLESS,
w Clerk of U. S. District Court for said Dist.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In the matter of William Burns, Bankrupt, surviving partner of S. & W. Burns, in Bankruptcy.

To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of WILLIAM BURNS, surviving partner of S. & W. Burns, of Corsica, in the county of Jefferson and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition, by the District Court of said District.
J. P. JONES,
Limestone, Clarion co., Pa., Dec. 6, 1867. w

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SS: At Pittsburgh, the 16th day of December, A. D., 1867. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of ADOLPHUS BURKHART, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.
JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee,
w Attorney at Law, 89 Grant street.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, SS: At Pittsburgh, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1867. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of BENJAMIN M. CLARK, of Robinson township, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District.
JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee, &c.,
TH (Attorney-at-Law, 89 Grant street.)

TWENTY-FIFTH

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DOLLAR SAVINGS BANK.

LIABILITIES.	
Amount due Depositors Dec. 1st, 1867	$1,940,577 89
Dividend for the last six months	52,188 07
Contingent Fund	168,954 23
Total Liabilities	$2,161,720 19
ASSETS.	
Loans on Bond and Mortgage	$1,807,913 28
Real Estate	13,475 27
Stock in Pittsburgh Banks	71,634 04
U. S. Six Per Cent. Coupon Bonds, 1881	50,043 75
U. S. Six Per Cent 5-20 Bonds, '65 and '67	300,000 00
Bills receivable	75,378 26
Cash in bank, and on hand	143,445 59
Total Assets	$2,161,720 19

The Trustees have declared a Dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. out of the profits for the last six months, free of Government Tax, payable forthwith. If not drawn, will bear interest from 1st inst.
C. A. COLTON, Treasurer.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 13, 1867.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report for the last six months, ending November 30th, 1867, and have examined the Assets of the Bank, consisting of Bonds and Mortgages, Deeds of Real Estate, Certificates of Bank Stock, Bills Receivable, U. S. 5-20 Six Per Cent. Bonds, '65 and '67, U. S. Six Per Cent. Bonds, 1881, and the cash on hand, and find the same to correspond with the above report.
J. J. GILLESPIE,
ORMSBY PHILLIPS,
R. C. LOOMIS,
Auditing Committee.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 13, 1867. d*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, w[illegible] three act prize drama of [illegible] the MARCO [illegible]

Anita, }
Julio, } ....M'[illegible] Ravel.
Marco, }

To conclude with the amusing [illegible] SARAH'S YOUNG [illegible]

NEW OPERA HOUSE

M. W. CANNING..........................[illegible]

THURSDAY EVENING, Ja[illegible] last night but two of the beautiful [illegible]

M'LLE. MARIETTA [illegible]

When she will appear in the [illegible] military drama of the

FRENCH SPY; OR THE F[illegible]

Mathilde, }
Henri, } ....M'[illegible] Ravel.
Hamet, }
Mohammed..........................[illegible] Connolly.

To conclude with the side-s[illegible] of BOMBASTES [illegible]

Friday Evening—Farew[illegible] M'lle. MARIETTA RAVEL.

"Three Night[illegible] in Scotland."

MASONIC H[illegible]

TUESDAY, THU[illegible] FRIDAY, 7th, 9th an[illegible], 1868.

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To thrill the penitent heart as if the Lord's
Own spirit breathed upon its deepest chords.

But words so blessed only can be spoken
Into the heart whose hardness has been broken
By penitence—and then, in every tone,
(Like words in which sweet answers have been given
Through Angels to our prayers,) they sound of Heaven!
No less, no lower source than Heaven they own:
So fraught with Heavenly hope, as if the breath
Of the all-pitying Christ were warm in each
Of those words yet. Warm with Heaven's love they teach
All faith in Him who first the victory won
O'er sin in life, and o'er all death in death.

In vain the pride of human wilfulness
Has tried to find *another* way than Christ;
Has tried to find *another truth* and *life*
Than the Eternal Truth, the immortal life
Revealed in him. But nothing has sufficed,
And nothing ever can suffice, to bless
With *peace, sure peace*, the multitudinous strife
Of self-accusing conscience that within
Men's hearts makes bleed afresh the wounds of sin
That heal not —nothing lower, nothing less
Than faith in Him—in one omnipotent
To save!

Aye, nothing lower, nothing less
Than what Christ *is* and *gives* and *promises*,
Can meet man's manifold necessities,
Answer his soul's deep questionings, fulfil
His heart's anticipations, and begin
Out of the infinite itself to satisfy
His infinite longings;—nothing less, or lower,
Can give to Faith and Hope immovable
Foundations that can Time and Change defy.

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To-day, as God, from Heaven's high throne He saith
All that, as fellow man, on earth He said:
Whatever Grace through all the past hath said,
Now unto each, according to his faith,
Now unto each, according to his need,
The all-gracious Savior by his spirit saith,
Vouchsafing thus with sinful men to plead:
"*Come unto me, ye humble ones, and take*
"*My yoke upon ye, and be not afraid,*
"*Though men oppose, my Father, for my sake,*
"*Will own you His, and love you as His own.*"

O, hear the Savior! He is Christ, the Lord;
The fulness of all life is in his word!

And what a testimony here is brought
From heaven! and what immeasurable love
The Spirit of Jesus worketh here to prove!
Cometh such Holy One to work for nought?
'Faithful and true' is He that witnesseth,
And from high Heaven and down the ages saith
To the generations of the sons of men
This Nay—*That not by bread alone man liveth;*
This Yea—*But by the word of life God giveth.*

O, hear the Savior! He is Christ the Lord;
The fulness of all life is in His word;
"In Him is Yes, and in Him is Amen;"

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Personal Gossip About Congressmen.

"Buero Buno" gives the following Congressional gossip:

I am able to speak authoritatively that Thad. Stevens expects to die in the harness; also, that Judge Underwood is a Radical. Roscoe Conkling is the best dressed man in Congress. Reverdy Johnson has more dignity in his make-up than any other member of the Senate. Thad. Stevens looks like a Methodist preacher. Impeacher Ashley has had his hyperion locks combed. Judge Wilson, of Iowa, has grown gray in two years, and dresses more like a Christian now than a plow-boy, as he used to. Billy Williams, of Indiana, has got a new pair of gold eye-glasses, which he hasn't worn long enough to get accustomed to and consequently looks through them very awkwardly, although he wears them all the time. Illinois Washburne lost much of his obesity during his recent European trip; but, as usual, swings his hands and arms when he talks, very much like the fans of a windmill. Gen. Logan has had his hair cut, and looks very much like Zeb. Vance, late rebel Governor of North Carolina. Speaker Colfax's tongue is set on a pivot in the middle of his mouth, so that he can talk faster than Barnum's calculator can cypher. Judge Rogers is, next to Speaker Colfax, the fastest talker in the world, and next to Cicero, whose mantle fell on his shoulders and slid off on the ground (nobody has picked it up since), is the longest sentenced man that ever lived. People won't believe me when I say that Ross, of Illinois, is a joker, but say he tried to be one. Eldridge, of Wisconsin, never made a speech of more than ten minutes' duration in his life, and is one of the ablest Democrats in Congress. Marshall, of Illinois, is improving in health. Hooper, of Massachusetts, shows in his face, as well as in the rotundity of his person, that he is the best liver in the House, while McPherson, clerk of the House, looks like the ghost of a starved cork-screw. He is so thin that he has to stand up twice to make a shadow, and yet he is a first-rate liver. Gen. Garfield has got the strongest voice of any man in Congress; Gen. Logan has the loudest; Colfax the deepest; Thad. Stevens the weakest; and Kelley, of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Banks will have to flip pennies to find which has the most stentorian. Kelley, however, talks through his nose too much, and imitates Forrest in his style of declamation. He would make a first-class Jack Cade. Leonard Myers and Charles O'Neil, of Philadelphia, are close in their intimacy with each other as the Siamese twins. Gen. Schenck and Gen. Butler talk by jerk—as if they really believed what they said, and expected everybody to be convinced of the correctness of their views, the moment the words leave their mouths. Butler wears a wide brimmed slouched hat, tilted on one side of his head with a rakish or brigandish air, while his make-up otherwise resembles a well-fed alderman.

A New Mode of Fertilizing.

We visited a vineyard of an enterprizing German, embracing some ten or fifteen acres of choice vines. The fruit was mostly gathered for the press, but a few choice clusters could be gleaned so as to show their flavor. As we were conversing on the qualities of the grapes a hare started from the vineyard and scampered across the hills, while the German's dog gave chase. "Have plenty here?" said I. "Plenty!" was the reply; "too many; they do too much mischief. These same hares eat off the young vines in Spring and kill them down." "Aha! what do you do?" "I poisons them with strichnine, and in the morning when I find the dead hare, I bury them under the vines for manure. And the next night the coyotes come and they digs up the hares and eats them, and they gets poisoned, and die, and I buries them under some other vines; and the next night the skunks come and digs up the coyotes, and eats them, and then gets poisoned and die, and I buries them all to manure the grape vines."

"Well," said I, after hearing this careful disposition of the different kinds of manure, "which makes the best wine, the hare, coyote, or polecat grape?"

"You shall see," said he; and the obliging Teutonic vintner led the way to his wine cellar, and throwing open the doors we found three capacious butts branded, one with the figure of a hare, the other with a coyote, and the third with a polecat. He drew from each successively, and presented the glasses to us to test their flavor.

I had the painting of the German wine tasters in my mind's eye, and took the attitude of the student. Podgers, who was with us, assumed the pose of the priest, as more deliberative and dignified. My clerical friend declined the test, having conscientious scruples in respect to wine drinking. I sipped from each glass successively, seemed to judge carefully the intricate meshes of a spider web on the opposite window, then the measure of a rusty nail on the wall, and then gave my decision. "The wine of the hare vintage," said I, "seems the most sprightly in flavor, the coyote the strongest, and the polecat the most racy." The latter I held, though, had an abominable boquet. Podgers assented to all my decisions. The proprietor grinned a broad token of approval of our acuteness; but intimated, as I understood him, that time would tone down the strong odor of the polecat vintage into a delicious and powerful aroma.—*San Francisco Bulletin.*

Nature.

[By R. W. Emerson, in the January Atlantic.]

Here stretches out of sight, out of conception even, this vast Nature, daunting, bewildering, but all penetrable, all self-familiar—an unbroken unity—and the mind of man is a key to the whole. He finds that the universe, as Newton said, "was made at one cast," the mass is like the atom—the same chemistry, gravity, and conditions. The asteroids are the chips of an old star, and a meteoric stone is a chip of an asteroid. As language is in the alphabet, so is in entire Nature—the play of all its laws—in one atom. The good wit finds the law from a single observation—the law and its limitations and its correspondences—as the farmer finds his cattle by a footprint. "State the sun and you state the planets and conversely."

While its power is offered to his hand, its laws to his science, not less its beauty speaks to his taste, imagination and sentiment. Nature is sensitive, refining, elevating. How cunningly she hides every wrinkle of her inconceivable antiquity under roses and violets, and morning dew! Every inch of the mountains is scarred by unimaginable convulsions, yet the new day is purple with the bloom of youth and love. Look out into the July night, and see the broad belt of silver flame which flashes up the half of heaven, fresh and delicate as the bonfires of the meadow flies. Yet the power of numbers cannot compute its enormous age—lasting as space and time—embosomed in time and space. And what are they, time [illegible]d space? Our first problems, which we [illegible]r all our lives through, and leave where [illegible]d them; whose outrunning immensity, the old Greeks believed, astonished the gods themselves; of whose dizzy vassitudes all the worlds of God are a mere dot on the margin; impossible to deny, impossible to believe. Yet the moral element in man counterpoises this dismaying immensity, and bereaves it of terror.

Dickens's Stories.

A London correspondent says: You will, I know, learn many particulars of this crime from other sources, and therefore I turn gladly to more agreeable subjects. We have now, I think, seen the end of the shower of Christmas books and extra numbers. The supply has never been so large before, and what becomes of it all is a standing mystery to me. But people do buy these odds and ends which are raked together at Christmas time, and read them, apparently, with no little relish. Thus it is said that of the Christmas number of *Good Words* 100,000 copies have been sold, and of *No Thoroughfare* above 80,000 copies. I must say that to my mind the former publication is far more entertaining than the latter. It is, in fact, the only readable Christmas number I have seen, and yet is by no means free from rubbish. *No Thoroughfare* will leave all who attempt to explore it thoroughly vexed and dissatisfied. The part contributed by Mr. Dickens is done in a hurried and slovenly manner, and for the rest, the reader may get himself involved in one of Mr. Wilkie Collins's ingenious labyrinths, with small results for his pains. Mr. Dickens dropped his work unfinished. Evidently he could not write his "Christmas piece" and give his readings in the United States, too. The character of "Joey Ladle" might have been a very good one if the author of it had finished it off; but as it is, it stands a very rough and uncouth outline. I doubt whether many readers will have the patience to go through Switzerland with Mr. Wilkie Collins, and altogether *No Thoroughfare* must be pronounced the poorest Christmas number of *All the Year Round* which has yet been published.

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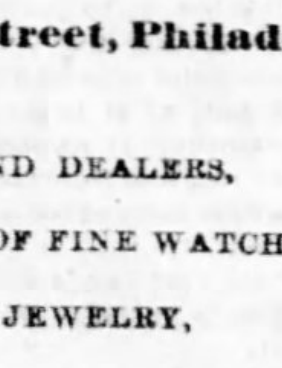

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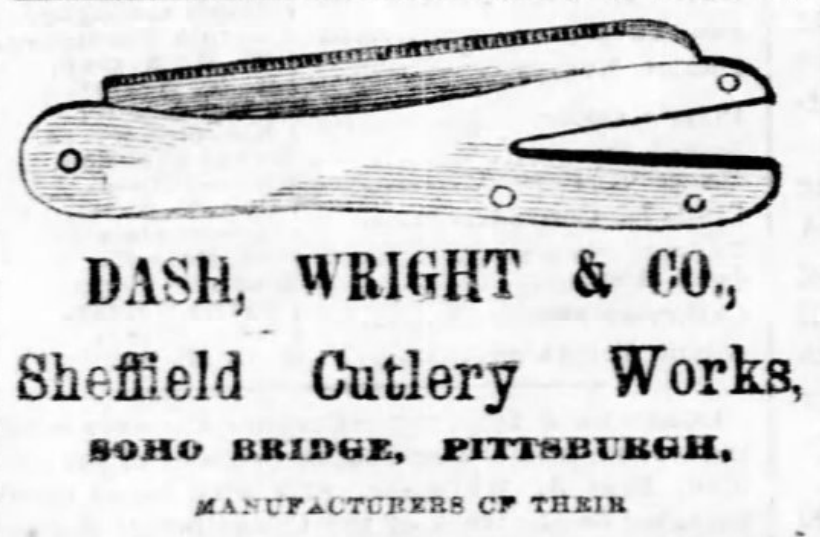

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Fast Line	9:40 a m	7:05 p m
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Mixed Way	6:10 a m	6:50 p m
M'Donald's Ac'n No. 1.	11:10 a m	3:30 p m
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Cl. & Whg M'l.	6:28 a m	Wheeling Ex..	11:08 a m
Chicago Mail	6:58 a m	Chicago Ex....	3:53 p m
Chicago Ex....	9:43 a m	Cl. & Whg. Ex.	4:03 p m
Pitts & Cl'd Ex via Youngs'n	9:43 a m	Erie & Ygn. Ex	5:13 p m
Cl. & Whg. Ex.	3:13 p m	Chicago Ex.....	6:58 p m
Chicago Ex....	3:28 p m	Cl. & Whg Ex..	7:08 p m
Whg. & Erie Ex	4:33 p m	Pitt & Cl'd Ex via Youngs'n	9:28 p m
Depart from Allegheny.		Arrive in Allegheny.	
N. Br'tn Acc....	8:58 a m	N. Brt'Acc....	7:03 a m
Leetsdale Acc.	10:13 a m	N. Brt'n Acc...	8:28 a m
Leetsdale Acc.	11:53 a m	Wellsville Ac..	9:58 a m
Rochester Ac..	1:33 p m	N. Castle Acc..	10:13 a m
Wellsville Acc	3:43 p m	Leetsdale Acc.	11:23 a m
Leetsdale Acc.	5:03 p m	Leetsdale Acc.	1:18 p m
N. Brt'n Acc..	5:33 p m	N. Brt'n Acc...	2:43 p m
N. Brt'n Acc..	6:28 p m	Leetsdale Acc.	4:23 p m
Leetsdale Acc.	10:43 p m	Leetsdale Acc.	7:28 p m

☞ 9:28 P. M. Chicago Express leaves daily.

☞ 10:58 A. M., Chicago Express arrives daily.

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PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL RAILROAD—On and after OCTOBER 6, 1867, trains arrive at and depart from the Union Depot, corner of Washington and Liberty streets, as follows:

Arrive.		Depart.	
Mail Train........	1:30 a m	Day Express..	3:00 a m
Fast Line........	1:50 a m	Wall's No. 1...	6:30 a m
Wall's No. 1......	6:20 a m	Mail Train........	8:20 a m
Brinton No. 2..	7:50 a m	Wall's No. 2..	9:50 a m
Wall's No. 2......	8:50 a m	Cincinnati Ex..	11:15 a m
Cincinnati Exp	9:10 a m	Wall's No. 3...	11:30 a m
[illegible]town ac.	10:15 a m	Johnstown Ac.	2:50 p m
[illegible]ss..	1:50 p m	Wall's No 4...	3:30 p m
Jo[illegible]	[illegible]20 p m	Phil. Express..	4:10 p m
Phila. Exp.	[illegible]	Wall's No. 5..	4:50 p m
Wall's No. 3......	[illegible]	[illegible] No. 6..	6:05 p m
Wall's No. 4...	2:50 p m	[illegible]	7:20 p m
Wall's No. 5 ...	5:50 p m	Wa[illegible]	[illegible]
Wall's No. 6....	7:00 p m	Fast Line........	[illegible]
Altoona Ac. and Emig't train.	10:30 p m	Wall's No. 7..	[illegible]

The Church Trains leave Wall's Station every Sunday at 9:15 a. m., reaching Pittsburgh at 10:05 a. m. Returning leaves Pittsburgh at 12:50 p. m. and arrive at Wall's Station at 2:00 p. m.

Cincinnati Express leaves daily. All other trains daily except Sunday.

Philadelphia Express and the Altoona Accommodation and Emigrant Train arrive daily. Cincinnati Express arrives daily except Monday. All other trains daily except Sunday.

For further information, apply to W. H. BECKWITH, Agent.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will not assume any risk for Baggage, except for Wearing Apparel, and limit their responsibility to One Hundred Dollars in value. All Baggage exceeding that amount in value, will be at the risk of the owner, unless taken by special contract.

EDWARD H. WILLIAMS, Gen'l. Supt., Altoona, Pa.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—On and after November 1st, 1867, the Passenger Trains on the Western Pennsylvania Railroad, will arrive at and depart from the Federal Street Depot, Allegheny city, as follows:

Arrive.		Depart.	
Sharpbsg No 1.	6:35 a m	Mail............	6:50 a m
Freeport No 1.	8:15 a m	Freeport No 1.	9:05 a m
Express........	10:10 a m	Sharpsbg No 1.	11:20 a m
Sharpsbg No 2.	1:25 p m	Express........	1:50 p m
Freeport No 2.	4:15 p m	Harmersville..	3:55 p m
Mail............	6:05 p m	Freeport No 2.	6:05 p m
Harmersville..	7:10 p m	Sharpbg No 2.	7:30 p m

Above trains run daily except Sunday.

The Church Train leaves Allegheny Junction every Sunday at 7:40 a. m., reaching Allegheny City at 9:50 a. m. Returning leaves Allegheny City at 1:20 p. m., and arrives at Allegheny Junction at 3:45 p. m.

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For further information, apply to JAMES LEFFERTS, Agent, Federal Street Depot.

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On and after MONDAY, December 23d, 1867, Passenger Trains will leave from and arrive at Pittsburgh Depot, corner of Canal and Pike streets, as follows:

	Depart.	Arrive.
Mail to and from Venango City	7:30 a m	12:30 a m
Express to and from Venango City	10:15 p m	5:45 p m
Brady's Bend Accom'n	1:45 p m	11:00 a m
First Soda Works Accom'n	8:33 a m	8:15 a m
Second Soda Works accom.	5:00 p m	2:35 p m
First Armstrong Accom.	6:30 a m	
Second Armstrong Accom.		6:30 p m

Church Train leaves Soda Works at 8:10 a. m., arriving at Pittsburgh at 9:50 a. m. Returning, leaves Pittsburgh at 1:10 p. m., arriving at Soda Works at 2:55 p. m.

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CHANGE OF TIME.

On and after SUNDAY, October 13th, 1867, the trains will leave the Depot, corner of Grant and Water streets, as follows:

	Depart.	Arrive.
Mail to and from Uniontown.	7:00 a m	6:00 p m
Express " "	3:00 p m	10:00 a m
West Newton Accom	6:15 p m	8:35 a m
First McKeesport Accom	11:00 a m	6:40 a m
Second " "	10:30 p m	2:05 p m
Braddock's "	4:10 p m	5:45 p m
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CITY MATTERS.

THE POSTOFFICE.—The Pittsburgh Postoffice will only be open to-day from half-past seven to nine o'clock A. M.

THANKS.—The Union Drum Corps of Allegheny, under the direction of Major Phillipi, have our thanks for an agreeable serenade last night.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.—The meeting of the Executive Committee, called for Thursday, January 2d, will be postponed, as the committee on location are not prepared to report. Due notice of the next meeting will be given.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.—The following is a list of the officers of Liberty township, chosen at the recent election: School Directors—George F. Rahauser, A. B. Boals. Assessor—David Aiken. Judge of Elections—John R Baum. Inspectors—M. A Jones, C. H. Paulson. Return Inspectors—Sam'l Lightner, Col. Kerr. Constable—J. Myers.

THE OAKLAND STABBING AFFRAY.—Officer Little, of the Sixth ward, who was stabbed in the groin about ten days ago at a ball at Oakland, by one Michael Brierton, is getting better, and will probably be about again in a few days. Brierton was released yesterday on bail by Alderman Lindsey for a hearing.

UNIVERSALIST FAIR AT CITY HALL.—This will be the last week of the Fair, and as no one will want to miss this last chance, there will doubtless be a large attendance. Last night, notwithstanding the snow storm, the attendance was good, and all present had a pleasant time. Chances are going off rapidly, and many valuable articles have already been carried off by the lucky. Remember the Fair to-night, and the grand promenade from ten to twelve o'clock.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. T. C. Jenkins, the enterprising flour merchant, of the well-known "Checkered Front," Liberty street, was last evening presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by his employees, as a mark of their esteem for him as a gentle man and employer. The presentation was totally unlooked for by Mr. Jenkins, who is withal a modest man, and unsuspicious of such affairs as presentations, but who, notwithstanding, was eminently deserving the compliment paid him by his employees.

NEW YEAR'S SOCIABLES.—The congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church, Seventh street Rev. W. J. Reid, pastor, will hold their New Year's Reunion this morning at ten o'clock, in the church building.

The congregation of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. K. Squiers, will hold a New Year's Church sociable this evening at half past seven o'clock, in the church, on Sixth street.

THE HAZELWOOD FIRE.—Mention was made in yesterday's issue of the destruction by fire on Sunday night of the stables of Mr. Joseph Beales, of the firm of Harrison & Beales, coal merchants, at Hazlewood, on the Connellsville Railroad. The stables, which were attached to the old Glen Hotel, were owned by James Hays, Esq. At the time of the breaking out of the fire, there were twenty horses, a cow and several pigs in the stable. Fifteen of the horses and the cow and pigs were burned to death. A large quantity of harness, a carriage, and over fifteen hundred dollars worth of feed were destroyed. The loss will amount to between eight thousand and ten thousand dollars, on which there is an insurance of four thousand dollars in the Lycoming Insurance Company. This is the fourth fire that has taken place in the vicinity of Hazlewood within a month past.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—It is but a brief period, something over one month, since we announced the death of Mrs. Charles L. Ashby. Yesterday at noon, the venerable Mr. Ashby expired, after a short illness, aged seventy-one years, at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas J. Barbour, Esq., in Oakland. From the time this lady died, her aged relict seemed to droop and appear lost to earthly duties, so that when seized with sickness, he desired to depart to the better land. This aged couple came from Philadelphia to this city in 1821. At the time of Mrs. Ashby's death they lacked fifty-one days of being fifty years married. He was many years in business as a merchant tailor in this city, and the family is well known to the old residents. For many years he was an official member of the Liberty Street M. E. Church, and a member at the time of his death. His funeral will take place Thursday morning.

A COLLISION.—Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, a collision occurred between one of the cars of the Oakland Passenger Railway and a soap wagon, on Gazzam's Hill, a short distance above Soho Bridge. It appears that the track was very slippery, and the car was coming down the hill, the soap wagon being in front of it. The conductor attempted to check the car, but failing to do so, halloed to the driver of the wagon to clear the track. The wagon driver did not do so, and the car gaining on the wagon very fast, the car driver turned his horses to one side to avoid them striking the wagon. The car happened to be passing a steep declivity, and as the horses were turned to the side one of them fell down an embankment a distance of ten feet, injuring itself very severely. The other animal was not injured. The dash board struck against the wagon, breaking it off and smashing the rear of the wagon. No further injury was done. The running of the cars was impeded for half an hour in consequence of the accident.

Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association.

The members of the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association held their annual election for officers on Monday evening, December 30th, with the following result: President—Joseph M. Gazzam; Vice-President—W. A. Cosgrave; Secretary—W. B. Morange; Treasurer—Alf. J. Parsons. The President has appointed the following Board of Managers: John D Biggert, S. A. Barr, John D. McFadden, Frederick Dierst, John M. Campbell, Ogden Edwards, Jas. E. Umbstaetter, Charles F. McKenna, Thos. Anshutz, Herman Kuntz. Admission Committee—Will McCue, Benj. McLain. The number of active members are now about three hundred, the Association being at present in a very flourishing condition.

Pittock's Annual Dinner to the Newsboys.

It is a creditable trait in the character of Mr. Jno. W. Pittock, that he always entertains a kindly feeling for the newsboys, and has established the custom of tendering to them a New Year's Dinner. The occasion is one of great delight to the little venders of newspapers, for it is a well settled fact that they have excellent appetities, and under Mr. Pittock's liberal training have become excellent judges of what constitutes a good dinner. On these occasions Mr. Pittock not only invites all the newsboys, from the oldest to the youngest, but extends invitations to a large number of citizens, many of whom find it convenient to attend, and take special pleasure in witnessing how exceedingly happy the newsboys of the city can be made by their patron and benefactor, Mr. Pittock. Long may he live to dispense, and long may the newsboys enjoy his New Year's dinners. We acknowledge an invitation to attend the annual dinner to-day, which will be given at the Revere House Restaurant, Fifth street, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Attempt to Break the Penitentiary.

On Sunday night three prisoners named Patrick Cole, Thomas Lanney and Peter Schenck, confined in the Western Penitentiary, in Allegheny City, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from that institution. It appears that Cole and Lenney were incarcerated in the same cell on the upper range and Schenck occupied the adjoining cell. On Sunday Schenck succeeded in gaining access to the cell occupied by Cole and Lanney, by digging a hole in the partition. The three then commenced to dig a hole through the ceiling, their plan being to gain access to the roof then let themselves down into the yard by means of a rope constructed of bed clothing, next to gain the top of the wall by means of a hook and rope, and then jump into the street. They had succeeded in cutting through the ceiling to the slate roof, making the hole with shoemaker's tools, at which trade they were employed, when the noise, about midnight, attracted the watchman of the Penitentiary, who opened the cell and found them attempting to break through the roof. The prisoners were all taken in custody, and placed in the dungeon, where they are confined for short periods as a punishment for attempting to break prison.

The Murder of Conductor Parker—Arrest of the Perpetrator—Further Details of the Tragedy.

In yesterday's COMMERCIAL we gave the material facts connected with the brutal murder of Conductor Charles H. Parker, of the Johnstown Accommodation train, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Nineveh Station, by a desperado named Samuel Hull. Immediately after the fatal blow had been struck, Conductor Parker fell bleeding on the platform, and was carried to the baggage car, the train having been started by the pulling of the bell rope by the conductor himself, and not by Hull as at first reported. This enabled the perpetrator to escape the more readily, as he fled at once to the cover of the woods in the vicinity. Every attention was paid to the wounded man, but the knife had touched a vital point, and death ensued in a few moments. Mr. Parker resided at Conemaugh, a short distance above Johnstown, and his young wife had arranged to meet him at the latter place, and go up on the train with him to Conemaugh. At Johnstown she got upon the train, with a light step and joyous heart, little dreaming of the dreadful agony of mind in store for her. Not seeing her husband about she pleasantly asked for him but received only an evasive answer. No one had courage enough to acquaint her with the soul-harrowing news. Presently, however, she overheard the passengers talking of the brutal murder of her husband, and was told that his lifeless body lay in the baggage-car. Her anguish we need not attempt to describe.

PURSUIT AND ARREST OF HULL.

The Railroad Company at once offered a large reward for the arrest of Hull, the murderer. Mr. Daniel Bolton, formerly conductor of the same train, Mr. Joseph Parks, engineer, and others, formed a company and started back in pursuit of the fugitive. At two o'clock yesterday morning they had traced him to the house of a man named Donnelly, at Centreville, in Indiana county, and across the Conemaugh river from New Florence. The party demanded admittance to the house, but Donnelly appeared at a window with a revolver in his hand, and threatened to shoot any person who should endeavor to enter the house. Mr. Parks and others of the party also drew revolvers and entered the house, Donnelly fearing to shoot. They found Hull in the building and captured him, though not without resistance. Great difficulty was experienced by the leaders of the expedition in preventing the murderer from being rescued, but at length he was taken to Greensburg, where he was lodged in the jail. It is probable that he will be brought to this city, as the Westmoreland county jail is deemed too insecure to hold so desperate an offender.

The remains of Mr. Parker were conveyed to Conemaugh, and Mr. Devere, the undertaker, yesterday left this city, under the direction of the railroad company, to superintend the burial.

Register's Business for December.

The following is a list of the Letters of the Administration granted and wills admitted to probate at the County Register's office, during the month of December, 1867, by Joseph H. Gray, Esq., Register:

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED.

Decedent.	Admin.	Estimated. Val. of Estate.
[illegible] McDonald	Jas. McDonald	$ 50
Mary B. Barber	M M Bosworth	500
Thos. J. Hughes	Caroline Hughes	100
Mary Ann Miller	J. H. Miller	1,500
James A. Scott	Mary L. Scott	300
Philip Hussing	John Gass	56
J. W. Saulsbury	Martha Saulsbury	800
Christian Olnhausen	Anna M Olnhausen	10,000
John Zoe	John Beggert	500
Jno. S. Williams	Caroline Williams	500
Robert Love	Susannah Love	200
James W. Mannix	Jno. Lowry	300
Wm. McMillan	Eliza McMillan	250
Fred Wehling	Wm. Wehling	1,800
Dr. A. Perchment	Lizzie E. Perchment	700
Samuel McCluen	S. J. McCluen	1,500

WILLS ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

Deceased.	Administrator.
Martin Sanders	Martin Logan, c. t. a.
Margaret Byrne	Ann C. McCullough.
David B. Ellis	Rowan McClure. James Gallagher.
Jane Thompson	Virginia Thompson.
Daniel Negley	W. B. Negley. R. H. Negley.
Peter Kessler	Mary Kessler. Nicholas Myers.
Joseph Styert	George Froelich.
Margaret Rose	Michael Rose.
Louis L. Conrad	Rev. E. Swift. Robert Dalzell.
Thomas Stewart	John Russell.
John Papp	Henrietta Papp.
Catharine Sinnot	Bernard Gray. Ed. O'Neill.
Adam Frishkom	H. C. Miller.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—Coroner Clawson held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of the young man, Pius J. Weishaar, who was found terribly mangled on the track of the Connellsville Railroad, near the Birmingham bridge, on Monday night, and who died about an hour after he was discovered. It appears that the deceased was with some friends on the evening train, going to McKeesport to attend a concert, and it is supposed that in passing from one car to another he fell between and received his fatal injuries. His friends, it appears, knew nothing of the occurrence until they reached McKeesport, and found a telegraphic dispatch awaiting them. They had heretofore supposed Weishaar to be in another car. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The funeral of the deceased will take place this afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence, No. 10 Perry street, Allegheny.

Police Intelligence.

[Before Alderman McMasters.]

Thomas Scotty was before this Alderman yesterday, charged with larceny by bailee, on oath of Peter Tandy. The parties live in the Ninth ward. Tandy states that on last Thanksgiving Day he made a bet with a man in regard to the age of a certain horse, and the stakes, amounting to $16 50, were placed in Scotty's hands until the bet was decided. The parties left Scotty in the house while they went out to the stable to determine the age of the horse. The bet was won by Tandy, and when he returned to the house for the stakes, found that Scotty had decamped. Scotty denies the charge, and says that he offered the stakes to Tandy, but the latter refused to accept them. The case was held for a hearing.

[Before Alderman Morrow.]

FORESTALLING THE MARKET.

A man named Hawk and a Mrs. Howe were arrested yesterday by officer John P. Messner, Assistant Market Constable, who charged them with forestalling the market, in buying poultry during market hours for the purpose of selling the same again. They were held for a hearing.

[Before Alderman Humbert.]

VIOLATING THE ORDINANCE.

Officer Joseph Thomas, Market Constable, yesterday arrested a man named Timothy Hare for violating the city ordinance in allowing his wagon to remain standing in the market square an unnecessary length of time. It appearing that it was his first offense, the Alderman discharged Hare upon payment of costs.

[Before Alderman Strain.]

CUTTING A BOARD BILL.

Mrs. Elizabeth Connolly, keeper of a boarding house at No. 12 Ann street, in the First ward, Allegheny, brought suit yesterday against one F. H. Boyden, now a resident of Sharpsburg, charging him with obtaining boarding under false pretense. Mrs. Connolly alleges that Boydon has at various times obtained boarding from her, amounting in all to seventy-five dollars, by representing that he had money coming to him from different parties, and that he would pay her in a short time, which representations proved to be false, and the bill yet remains unpaid. The accused was arrested and held to bail for a hearing.

DISCHARGED.

The boy David Leech, against whom an information was lodged by Mrs. Matilda Knell, of Mount Washington, charging him with attempting to commit an outrage on the person of deponent's little daughter, aged five years, had a hearing yesterday, which resulted in the discharge of the case, there being no foundation whatever for the charge.

[Before Burgess Barker, of South Pittsburgh.]

ILLEGAL LIQUOR SELLING.

Anthony Staley lodged an information against Frederick Hofecker, a tavern keeper, charging him with selling liquor to his minor daughter. The prosecutor alleges that the defendant has at various times sold liquor to his (the prosecutor's) daughter, upon which the wife of Staley becomes intoxicated. A warrant was issued and the accused arrested and held for a hearing.

Mr. Ammon appeared before the same magistrate, and charged Jacob Sofiel with selling liquor to her husband after a request to the contrary had been made. She also charged him with selling liquor on Sunday. Sofiel was arrested and held to bail.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire about half-past nine o'clock yesterday morning, from Box No. 13, at the Vigilant Engine House, was occasioned by the burning of a chimney in the dry goods store of C. Hanson Love, corner of Market and Fourth streets. The firemen were promptly on the ground, but the fire was extinguished without their aid and with but little damage.

A Word About the Great Sale at Barker's.

Messrs. James W. Barker & Co., No. 59 Market street, are determined to dispose of their extensive and rare stock of goods at *Wholesale and Retail, without regard to the sacrifices* that they will be compelled to make in doing so. Never in the history of the dry goods trade in this city was there ever such an extraordinary opportunity offered to our citizens for obtaining dry goods at really cheap prices—we mean prices which are as low as those which prevailed a long time before the late war. This clearance sale embraces the entire stock of the house which will be sold *without reserve.* The goods are entirely new, and consists of every kind of dry goods, hosiery, cloaks, cloths, blankets, handkerchiefs, gloves, ribbons, &c. It seldom occurs that a clearance sale presents so many unusual inducements as this one, and as there is no telling when its like will ever be heard of again, at least in this vicinity, we therefore advise our readers, one and all, to go at once to Barker's, even though they have to anticipate their future wants in dry goods, and make their purchases before this extraordinary sale is concluded.

Skating! Skating!!

At Central Park New Year's day and evening.

A Crowning Present

For a gent at New Years is one of McCord & Co.'s matchless silk hats. No. 131 Wood street.

Extra Attractions

For skaters at Central Park to-day and this evening.

Ho! for Oppenheimer's.

The general display at Oppenheimer's Gents' Furnishing Goods and Merchant Tailoring Emporium, No. 83 Wood street, is fully equal to that of any former occasion. He always keeps a full line of the finest goods. A speciality is his fine dressing robes and smoking jackets, made in exquisite style, of rich and brilliantly colored cashmeres. His stock of silk and satin scarfs, of the latest and newest patterns, are of the finest description; also his rich and elegant ties, bows, &c., of every new style. He has a full supply of kid gloves for all styles of dress, silk and other handkerchiefs, and he is renowned for making choice fine fitting garments. He has a fine assortment of imported cloths, cassimeres, beavers, meltons, &c. Don't fail to pay Oppenheimer an early visit.

Exquisite Music

At Central Park on New Year's day and evening.

A Beautiful Present

For a lady at New Years is a set of rich furs. Go to McCord & Co.'s, No. 131 Wood street, and see their new stock.

Splendid Ice

For New Year's skaters, at Central Skating Park.

Important to Grocers.

Mr. James Connor, the wholesale Grocer, No. 355 Liberty street, has one of the largest and best stock of goods in his line to be found in the city. Besides, he conducts his extensive business upon strictly liberal principles, and, as a matter of course enjoys a splendid custom. Grocers and dealers generally in any article in the grocery trade always find desirable bargains at Connor's.

Gents, Youths, Children

Supplied in hats and caps at McCord & Co.'s, No. 131 Wood street.

New Year's Day

At Central Skating Park. Splendid preparations.

Thirty Dollars Reward.

If the "Indian Herb Doctor" fails to describe disease and tell his patients the nature of their complaints or illness without receiving any information from them.

No charge for consultation or advice. Office, No. 194 Liberty street.

The Great Decline in Carpets.

We have been endeavoring to impress upon the minds of our readers, for some days past, the benefits that will accrue to them by taking advantage of the rare bargains now being offered in Carpets, Oil Cloths, &c., by our friends Oliver McClintock & Co. Yet we confess that even we were unprepared to realize the great sacrifices and reductions they are making, of which a thorough and careful examination of their goods and prices convinced us during a recent visit to their extensive establishment, No. 23 Fifth street. We, as well as others, have been taught by experience to view all announcements of "selling off regardless of cost," and at "reduced prices," with a good deal of suspicion and have looked upon them often as traps for the unwary; it is therefore with pleasure we are able to note at least one exception to such a general rule. Our friends may rely upon the statements Messrs. McClintock & Co. make. Their offers of all goods in their line at unprecedented and unequalled bargains is made in good faith, and an inspection of their stock we know will convince the most doubtful of this.

We would remind our readers that Messrs. Oliver McClintock & Co. are the largest Carpet dealers in this section; that their stock embraces everything house furnishers can possibly want in their line; and further, that *all goods* and in *all quantities* are offered at these low prices. This grand clearance sale has not been undertaken by them to get rid of remnants, soiled and unsaleable goods, old styles and patterns, and other "stand bys" of a poorly managed commercial house, and this fact more than all others we would have our readers remember.

Their sale still continues, and great bargains are still to be had; and we know nothing so suitable to inaugurate a "Happy New Year," as a bright, cheerful carpet to make home comfortable this cold weather. Go and get one is our greeting for the season.

The Best Skating

At Central Park, Pittsburgh, Pa. Take Penn street passenger cars.

Card.

DUFF'S MERCANTILE COLLEGE,
December 31, 1867.

We have the pleasure to announce the publication of our New System of Book-Keeping giving the first published system of National Bank and Private Bankers' accounts, with a new set of Railroad accounts, elegantly printed in colors by Harpers, New York. For sale by booksellers. Our double quarto circular, fully describing our splendid new text book, with about 700 references in proof of the former editions, having done their appropriate work, elegant electrotype engravings of our Penman's different styles of writing is mailed free, by

P. DUFF & SON, Principals,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

For Central Park.

Take Penn street passenger cars.

Has Returned.

Dr. E. S. Aborn has returned to his rooms, 134 Smithfield street, where he can be consulted upon the various diseases of the eye, ear, head, throat and the organs of the chest, until January 20th.

Bronchitis Cured.

Dr. Aborn cures bronchitis. Try his new method of inhalation. Rooms, 134 Smithfield street.

Brilliant Illuminations

On New Year's Night, at Central Skating Park.

Consumption Cured.

Dr. Aborn's new method of inhalation effects speedy cures of the various diseases of the throat and lungs. Can be consulted at his Medical and Surgical Rooms, 134 Smithfield street, until January 20th.

Deafness Cured.

Dr. Aborn cures deafness. He can be consulted at his rooms, 134 Smithfield street, until Monday, January 20th.

Extra Attractions

Central Park, New Year's day.

Chronic Catarrh Cured.

Dr. Aborn cures Chronic Catarrh. Rooms 134 Smithfield street.

Selling Off at Cost.

A rare stock of jewelry at Reineman, Meyran & Seidle's, No. 29 Fifth street, prior to removing into their new and elegant building, No. 42 Fifth street. tf.

Grand Carnival

At Central Park this night.

Instantaneous Cures.

Corns, Bunions and Diseased Nails.—Dr. Randall, the well known chiropodist, is again in our city, and requests us to state that he can be consulted at his office, corner of Fifth and Ross streets.

BE SURE and call for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," having the *fac-simile* of "Curtis & Perkins" on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations. m-w-f

WE are coming, we are coming, with our Toys and Fancy Goods, at Thompson's brushes and notion store, No. 240 Liberty street. eod

Elegant Ice

At Central Park this day and evening.

BE SURE and call for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," having the *fac-simile* of "Curtis & Perkins" on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations. m-w-f

Grand Skating Carnival.

At the Central Park on New Year's Day.

THREE OFFICES.—Messrs. J. H. Morris & Co. take pleasure in announcing to the public that they have secured a new office over the Pittsburgh Savings Bank, 186 Liberty street, corner of Virgin alley. Those who propose to convert their houses into comfortable homes will please call and examine for themselves. Chief office, 186 Liberty street, corner of Virgin alley; branch offices, 114 Smithfield street, and 89 Fifth street. sw

Skating

At Central Park this day.

The Great Pictorial Annual.

Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1868, for distribution, *gratis*, throughout the United States and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, will be published about the first of January, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the merchant, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter and professional man; and the calculations have been made for such meridians and latitudes as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive NATIONAL CALENDAR.

The nature, uses and extraordinary sanitary effects of HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, the staple tonic and alterative of more than half the Christian world, are fully set forth in its pages, which are also interspersed with pictorial illustrations, valuable recipes for the household and farm, humorous anecdotes, and other instructive and amusing reading matter, original and selected. Among the annuals to appear with the opening of the year, this will be one of the most useful, and *may be had for the asking.* Send for copies to the Central Manufactory, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, or to the nearest agents for HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. The BITTERS are sold in every city, town and village of the United States.

Similia Similibus Curantur.

Coughs and Colds! Coughs and Colds!

SEASONABLE ADVICE.

Let no one neglect a cold or a slight cough. Thousands, doing so, have had one cold added to another, until the mucous membrane, lining the air passages, has become excessively irritated, and even permanently thickened, and soon chronic cough, chronic pneumonia, and consumption successively gallop along. The best time to cure all this is when it begins. If you are so fortunate as to possess a case of HUMPHREY'S SPECIFIC HOMŒOPATHIC REMEDIES, and if you do not, you ought to at once take a COUGH PILL, and then two or three pills per day, with care as to renewed exposure, will bring you all right in a day or two.

If your cough has got further along, then more care and more patience is necessary for a cure, though it lies in the same direction. Our advice is, to keep the feet warm, the head cool, and take HUMPHREYS' HOMŒOPATHIC COUGH PILLS. Price, 25 cents per box. Six boxes for $1 25.

FAMILY CASES

Of 35 large vials, morocco case, containing a specific for every ordinary dis-ase a family is subject to, and a book of directions - - $10 00

Smaller FAMILY and TRAVELING cases with 20 to 28 vials from - - - $5 to 8

These Remedies, by the case or single box, are sent to any part of the country, by Mail or Express, free of charge, on receipt of the price. Address HUMPHREYS' SPECIFIC

Homœopathic Medicine Company,

Office and Depot, No. 562 Broadway, New York.

Dr. Humphreys is consulted daily at his office, personally or by letter, as above, for all forms of disease.

B. L. FAHNESTOCK & CO.,
Wholesale Agents.

A. Torrence, Geo. H. Keyser, E. Miner, Jos. Fleming, McClarran & McKennan, have them at retail. *

DIED:

DYER—At 3 o'clock, on Tuesday morning, December 31, JOHN DYER, SR., aged seventy-five years.

His friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 57 Ann street, Allegheny, on THURSDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock.

ASHBY—On Tuesday, December 31, 1867, at noon, CHARLES L. ASHBY, aged seventy-one years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Thomas J. Barbour, Esq., Oakland, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, and proceed to Allegheny Cemetery. Carriages will leave Fairman & Samson's Office, corner of Seventh and Smithfield streets, at 9 o'clock.

HAMS AND DRIED BEEF.

New Sugar Cured Hams;
New Sugar Cured Dried Beef;
New Sugar Cured Shoulders and Sides,

Just out of Smoke and for sale by

F. SELLERS & CO.

F. SELLERS & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS OF
EXTRA NO. 1 AND 2 LARD OIL,
COR. WAYNE AND PENN STREETS.

CONVERSION OF 7-30'S.

We are now prepared to convert the Second and Third Series of

SEVEN-THIRTIES,

INTO THE

New 1867 5-20 Gold Coupon Bonds.

JAMES T. BRADY & CO.,
Dealers in Government Securities,
COR. FOURTH AND WOOD STS.

HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Can realize a profit of from twelve to over twenty per cent. by converting them into Pacific Railroad First Mortgage Bonds

JAMES T BRADY & CO.,
Agents Pacific Railroad,
Corner of Fourth and Wood streets.

IRA B. M'VAY & CO.,

Bankers,

AND DEALERS IN

Government Securities,

Cor. Fourth and Smithfield Streets.

We will give holders of JUNE AND JULY SEVEN-THIRTIES the interest at 7 3-10 per cent. to January 1st, and give them in exchange

5-20 Bonds of 1867,

Interest in Gold at 6 per cent. from that date.

IRA B. M'VAY & CO.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

TUESDAY EVENING, December 31, 1867.

There is not much relief or ease expected to the local money market until the banks have made their quarterly statement, which will occur on the first Monday in the New Year. After that time the market will gradually let up, and money will become easy for first-class paper or on sound collaterals. Of course there will be no plethora of money to beget a "flush" market, but discount places as well as private capitalists will be able to purchase a great deal of paper that has been laid over until after the turn into the New Year. It will be sometime, however, before there is much change in the rates on money loaned.

—Sale of Stocks Tuesday evening on second floor of Commercial Sales Rooms, 106 Smithfield street, by A. McIlwaine, auctioneer:

Iron City National Bank	$86 00
Merchants and Manufacturers Nat'l Bank	65 00
Third National Bank	125 00
Pittsburgh Insurance Company	50 00
Citizens' Insurance Company	40 00

—Government securities are less buoyant. The depression of quotations at London and the unsettled aspect of politics on the Continent, have somewhat checked the *bullish* tendency of the market, but without changing prices, the price of gold having correspondingly advanced. New Sixty-fives and Sixty-sevens are the only bonds decidedly firm.

Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co., bankers, report the following quotations for governments, as received from Jay Cooke & Co., their New York correspondents:—U. S. 6s, 1881, 112⅜; U. S. 5-20s, 1862, 108¼; do 1864, 105½; do 1865, May and November, 105¾; do 1865, January and July, 108¼; U. S. 10-40s, 101⅜; May 1865, Compounds, 117¾; June 7-30s, 104⅝; July 7-30s 104⅝; Gold, 133⅜; 5-20s 1867, 108⅜.

—Messrs. James T. Brady & Co., bankers, report the following rates for governments today:—Gold, 133⅜; U. S. 6s, 1881, 112⅜; U. S. 5-20s, 1862, 108¼; do 1864, 105½; do 1865, 105¾; U. S. 10-40s, 101⅜; U. S. 5-20s, January and July, 1865, 108¼; do 1867, 108⅜; June 7-30s, 104⅝; July, do 104⅝; May Compounds, 1865, 117¾.

—The railway stock market in New York today at noon showed a lower range of prices: Michigan Southern, 83⅞; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 86¼; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 96; Erie, 71; Chicago & Northwestern, 57⅞.

—The *Tribune* says that Erie continues to be neglected by the street, and is manipulated solely by brokers employed by the cliques who buy and sell among themselves, but fail to get any assistance from the speculating public. Cleveland and Pittsburgh is quite steady on prospect of a dividend of 2½ per cent. to be declared in a few days. Michigan Southern remains firm at 85½@85¾. Northwestern Preferred sold down to 70¼, but late in the day rallied to 70¾, and closed steady. Rock Island was in good demand at 99¾.

—Judge Clarke, of the Supreme Court, New York, general term, in the case of the Bank of the Commonwealth vs. Jasper Van Vleck, et al., in which the bank appeals from the decision in the lower court, decided yesterday that gold and silver are no longer the lawful money of the country, but merchantable commodities, and prommissory notes made payable in gold must be paid in gold or currency of an equivalent value.

—A close Money market continues to be reported at Cincinnati, but it is apparent that the pinch is less severe than it was. It can not, though, be said that there is any change for the better in the classification of names, or that paper can be negotiated on easier terms. And even if a change for the better is perceptible, it is not sufficiently marked to be considered as probably permanent. Many of the applications for loans continue to be on short time paper.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL,
WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 1, 1867.

Business continues very dull. Buyers were not disposed to operate to any extent at the present time, being the last day of the month as well as the last day of the year. Operators, as a general thing, were busily engaged in settling up previous contracts, so as to be in readiness for the new year. Prices were unsettled. Dispatches from the East report the market quiet, with no disposition on the part of buyers to take hold. The nominal rates were: Philadelphia—Prime light to straw to white 21c; standard white 22c; crude 15c. New York—Prime light straw to white 23c; standard white 24c; crude [illegible] gallon.

In our own market we have nothing of much interest to furnish our readers. Buyers were still inclined to purchase no more than was required to fill previous engagements. Sales of 2,000 bbls bulk, April or May delivery, sellers' option, 7¾c, and 550 bbls crude, on the spot, at 6¾c ₱ gallon. The receipts of crude, since our last, were 9,977 bbls.

REFINED—We could not learn of a single transaction for present or future delivery. Buyers were evidently waiting to take a fresh start with the new year.

PHILADELPHIA.

The *North American*, of Tuesday, says the market continues very dull; we quote crude at 15c, and refined in bond at 21@22c ₱ gal, the latter rate for standard white.

Oil Receipts per River and Rail.

D. P. Regan	52	Keeter & Co	25
Fisher Bros	3,000	J. Wilkins	3,400
D. Bushnell	1,509	J. Gallagher	2,000

Oil Shipped East by A. V. R. R.

Forsyth, Bro & Co, 51 bbls ref to P Wright & Sons, Philadelphia.

S McMahon, 52 bbls tar to W P Logan & Bro, Philadelphia.

Braun & Wagner, 250 bbls ref to Waring, King & Co, Phila.

Montzheimer, Koehler & Co, 250 bbls ref. to Waring, King & Co, Philadelphia.

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL,
TUESDAY EVENING, December 31, 1867.

Commercial transactions are still very limited. At present the only trade is from hand to mouth: there being no demand for any of the leading commodities excepting for the retail trade.

The receipts of some of the leading articles of produce per river and rail since our last were as follows: Flour, 1,671 bbls; apples, 1,248 bbls; cheese, 60 boxes; corn, 1,862 sacks; wheat, 2,417 sacks; barley, 679 sacks; rye, 56 sacks; oats, 1,578 sacks; and butter, 52 packages, and bulk meat (loose) 488 pieces.

We quote as follows, which are the wholesale store prices unless otherwise noted:

APPLES—Receipts fair and prices range from $2 75@4 50 ₱ bbl as to quality.

BACON—Shoulders are quoted at 11½c; rib sides at 13½c; S. C. Hams at 18c, and dried beef at 20c ₱ lb.

MESS PORK—We quote mess pork selling at $22 50 ₱ bbl.

LARD—We quote lard selling at 13½c ₱ lb.

LARD OIL—Extra No. 1 is quoted at $1 10, and No. 2 at 85c ₱ gallon.

BUTTER—Choice roll commands 40@42c ₱ lb.

EGGS—Receipts light. Fresh eggs sell readily at 33@37c ₱ dozen. Limed are quoted at 29c ₱ dozen.

HAY—Timothy hay per country wagons commands $19 00@23 00 ₱ ton, as to quality. Baled hay on the wharf sold at $20 00@22 00 ₱ ton.

POTATOES—Sales reported of 2 cars peachblow potatoes, in depot, at $1 10 ₱ bushel.

CHEESE—Goshen is quoted at 18c; factory at 17c; Hamburg at 16c, and Sweitzer at 20c ₱ lb.

RYE—We note sales of 500 bushels, at the depot, at $1 40 ₱ bushel.

OATS—From first hands we have reported sales of oats at 60@63c ₱ bushel. From store we quote at 68c ₱ bushel.

CORN—Sales of new ear on the wharf reported at 90c ₱ bush. Choice new shelled in bulk is quoted at $1@1 05, and prime old yellow shelled in elevator $1 18 ₱ bush.

BARLEY—No change reported in prices and we continue to quote spring at $1 60@1 65, and fall at $1 65@1 70 ₱ bush.

WHEAT—We hear of no transactions excepting by the millers, who are paying for choice red winter $2 55, and for the best quality of white wheat $2 65 ₱ bush.

FEED AND CORN MEAL—We quote the mill prices as follows: Bran, wholesale, ₱ hundred, $1 60, and retail $1 65; shipstuffs, wholesale, ₱ hundred, $1 65 and retail, $1 80; middlings, wholesale, ₱ hundred, $2 30, and retail $2 50; screening ₱ hundred, wholesale, $1 50, and sweepings, ₱ hundred, wholesale, $2 00. The prices at the Washington Street Mills are $1 30, wholesale, for corn meal ₱ bush; chop corn and oats ₱ hundred, $2 50; chop corn, ₱ hundred, $2 50; corn bran, ₱ hundred, $1 50; barley shorts, ₱ hundred, $2 75, and barley flour, ₱ hundred, $1 25.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—We quote in bulk at $5 00 ₱ hundred.

RYE FLOUR—Choice articles are selling from the mills at $8 75@9 00 ₱ bbl.

FLOUR—Prices continue firm and unchanged. We quote choice spring at $10 75; medium at $10 00@10 50, and choice winter at $12 50 per barrel. The prices at the various city mills are the same as the following Pearl Mill prices, viz: For extra Family Lacock, in barrels, wholesale, $12 10 and retail $12 60. In sacks, per 100 lbs, wholesale, $5 90, and retail $6 20, and in 49 lb sacks, retail, $3 10 ₱ sack. Double extra Family Pearl Mill, ₱ bbl, wholesale, $13 10, and retail $13 60; in sacks, ₱ 100 lbs, wholesale, $6 40, and retail $6 70, and in 49 lb sacks, retail $3 35 ₱ sack.

Pork Packing and Provisions at Chicago.

The circular of Henry Milward & Co., of Chicago, dated the 28th ult., says: The interval of the holidays has had its anticipated effect on the receipts of hogs during the past week, and this may be expected to continue till after New Year's day. Commission men and drovers exultingly assert that the falling on is the result of the scarcity through the country, and prophesy that our packing season must draw to an immediate close, but packers are dubious about the correctness of this information, and many of the most conservative are drawing out from a market which at present promises nothing but inevitable loss. The requirements of our packers are so great that so long as they keep their houses open there is an incentive to continue in the market, and this creates a competition which, though ruinous to the packer, affords great satisfaction to the drovers, &c. Other packing points, however, do not imitate our liberality, but while they have been endeavoring to put down the price of live hogs in order to enable them to meet the general dullness in the product, our market has continued firm and advancing. It is this fact which has made Chicago the greatest distributing point of the entire country, and which will continue to attract drovers hither in preference to seeking the other and smaller markets.

Notwithstanding the advancing tendency of live hogs, our general provision markets have been dull and declining. Orders continue extremely scarce, and Eastern operators seem disposed to await the closing of the season before incurring risk by purchasing. Reports are general of extreme destitution in the South, and that however much her people might desire to have our provisions, they lack the money to pay for them. Unless, therefore, Congress should afford some relief a healthy Southern trade cannot be anticipated, but the demand will continue forced and contracted.

The prospect of a brisk demand from Europe, at present prices, is far from promising. The sudden and rapid decline in Irish meat in the English markets, and the belief that the number of hogs through the country has been far underestimated, tend to render their operators cautious and careless about purchasing freely. By another month or six weeks the extent of our packing will be pretty well assured, and a brisk trade may then be anticipated, either at advanced or reduced prices, but till then we expect dull and dragging markets.

The receipts of hogs for the week sum up as follows, viz: Live, 33,937; dressed, 27,018; total, 60,955; and the shipments: Live, 1,418; dressed, 4,896; total, 6,314; leaving for packers, city use, and number left over in the pens, 54,641. For the corresponding week last year the receipts were: Live, 36,718; dressed, 20,965; total, 57,683; and the shipments: Live, 724; dressed, 11,265; total, 11,989; leaving for packers, city use, &c., 45,694. As apprehended in our last, the returns of the shipments of dressed hogs last week, as footed on the Board of Trade, were largely incorrect, and should have been in the neighborhood of 20,000 head, instead of 1,034 as actually apparent. We understand that the various railroad companies have promised to furnish the actual shipments since the commencement of the season so that the unintentional mistake will be speedily rectified. The packing to the present time sums up 587,100 against 228,110 head to the same period last year, and 71,000 the year previously. The hog market has been active during the week, too many houses being in competition with each other, and at the close, good hogs are actively sought for at $7 00; while intermediate weights are graded to as low as $5 75. Dressed hogs have sold during the week pretty uniformly at 7@8c, dividing on 200 lbs, but to-day the market closes firmer with a slight advance. Some very good hogs are now being received and the cheapness of cooperage will act as an incentive to packers to manufacture barrelled meats to a great extent. The market for products has not shared in the firmness observable in that for hogs. Mess pork has ruled steadily at $20 50 cash, and $21 00 for January delivery, but last evening some sales were made at $20 75, cash—closing firm. Prime mess is nominal at $16 50@17 00. Extra prime and rumps quiet at $15 00. There is an increased inquiry for English meats, both for foreign and domestic use. Cumberland middlings may be quoted at 8½@8¾c loose; 8¾@9c packed; short rib 9⅛@9¼c loose; 9½@10c packed, and short clear 10¼@10½c loose, or 11@11½c packed. Long middles, long clear, and long cut hams are in very small supply and are not offered. Bulk meats remain dull and unchanged; shoulders 7¼@7½c; sides 9½c loose. Sweet pickled hams at 11½@12c. Green meats unchanged. Lard active at previous prices. Grease, 8½@9½c for yellow, and 10c for white. We understand the various railroads are about to raise the rate of freights 10c ₱ 100 lbs to all Eastern points.

COAL MARKETS.

LOUISVILLE.

The *Courier* of Saturday says: Dealers this evening were offering Pittsburgh coal at retail at $5 per cart load of 25 bushels—a heavy decline. Other qualities nominal, excepting Pomeroy to boats, which rules steady at 14c afloat.

P. S.—A tow arrived this evening from Pittsburgh, and two of the barges sold at 12½@13c per bushel afloat, some 16,000 bushels.

CINCINNATI.

The *Gazette* of Monday says: Fleets of coal barges continue to arrive, and the market is becoming more settled. Sales of Youghiogheny were made afloat at 12c, and Ohio river is held at 10c afloat. The retail prices are 20c for Youghiogheny, and 16@18c for Ohio river delivered to consumers.

Ironton Iron Market.

The *Register* of last week says the shipments of metal for the week amounted to nearly 1,000 tons. This, however, does not indicate an animation in trade, since some was shipped to fill old orders, but the most consigned to agents. The receipts are 500 tons. Prices are wavering, and actual transactions so limited that the true rates are scarcely attainable. We quote:

Mill, hot blast	$41 00@43 00
Foundry, hot blast	45 00@46 00
Cold blast	60 00@63 00

Manufactured irons have grown weaker since our last.

Tobacco in the Pocket.

The Evansville *Journal* says of the tobacco crop in that section of Indiana usually denominated the "Pocket." It is estimated that there was no more than 50,000 pounds of tobacco raised in this county last season. The crop in Warrick county is not near so large as in former years. Farmers are delivering and disposing of it now, while the weather is favorable for handling and hauling it.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 31, 1867.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Opened quiet, subsequently advanced ½@1c, closing firm at $1 96 for No. 1; $1 89 for No. 2.

CORN—Steady at 83c for No 1; 81½@81¾c for No 2 and new.

OATS—Steady at 54½@55c, closing at the outside price.

RYE—Dull and 1@2c lower, at $1 54@1 56 for No 1.

BARLEY—Firm at $1 74@1 75 for No 2.

PROVISIONS—More active; mess pork $20 75@21, cash; $22 buyer January. Sweet pickled hams 12c. Bulk shoulders quiet and firm at 7¼c loose. Green hams active at 11c. English meats packed 9c; Cumberlands 10c for short ribs; 11¼c for short clear sides. Lard firm and steady at 11½@12c.

DRESSED HOGS—Firm, closing at $7 40@8 50 dividing on 200. Live firm at $5 62½@7 00 for common to extra prime.

BEEF CATTLE—More active and 20@25c higher, at $6 75 for choice shipping.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Cotton firmer and more active; sales 3,000 bales at 15½@16c for middling uplands. Flour—Receipts of 5,317 bbls; a shade firmer, and closed quiet; sales 4,000 bbls at $8 35@9 00 for superfine State and Western; $9 75@10 50 for extra State; $9 50@12 00 for extra Western; $12 50@13 50 for white wheat extra; $9 75@13 00 for round hoop Ohio; $11 00@12 00 for common to good St. Louis; $12 25@16 00 for good to choice extra do. California—sales 200 sacks at $12 50@13 50. Rye flour quiet; sales 200 bbls at $7 50@9 50. Whisky quiet and unchanged. Receipts of Wheat 2,563 bush; a shade firmer with a fair business doing; sales 1,000 bush at $2 30 for No. 2 spring; $2 40 for No. 1 do; $2 85 for white Missouri; $3 02 for white California. Rye steady; sales 1,000 bushels State at $1 80. Barley quiet; sales 1,500 bushels at $1 58 for State, $1 60 for Canada West at railroad depot. Malt steady; sales 1,000 bush at $1 83. Receipts of corn, 58,526 bush; a shade firmer, with a fair business doing, part for export; sales 58,000 bush at $1 36@1 37½ for new mixed western afloat; $1 41 for old do afloat; $1 28@1 34 for new white southern. Receipts of oats, 4,220 bush; oats opened a shade firmer, closing heavy and drooping; sales 38,000 bush at 83@84c for western in store, closing at the inside price. Rice [illegible] at 8¾@9c for Carolina. Coffee quiet. Sugar steady; sales 200 hhds Cuba at 11½@12½c; 2,000 boxes Havana at 11½c. Molasses steady; sales 500 hhds New Orleans [illegible]. Petroleum quiet at 10½c for crude and 24½c for refined bonded. Hops quiet at 30@55c for American. Pork firmer but very dull; sales 450 bbls at $21 15@21 25 for mess, closing at $21 15, regular; $17 87½@18 37 for prime; $19 75@20 00 for prime mess; also, 1,000 bbls new mess at $22 62, seller February; $22 75, seller March. Beef steady and quiet; sales 750 bbls at previous prices; 300 tierces India beef on private terms. Beef hams quiet; sales 165 bbls at $29 00@31 50. Bacon steady; sales 4,000 boxes at 10½@11c for Cumberland cut, 11½@11¾c for short ribbed; 11c for long ribbed. Cut meats dull; sales 180 pkgs at 8@9c for shoulders and 12@13c for hams. Dressed hogs firm at 8¼@8½c for western, and 9@9¼c for city. Lard dull; sales 1,300 bbls at 12@13c. Butter steady at 35@45c for State. Cheese heavy at 11@15c. Freights to Liverpool are rather more steady; engagements per steamer of 5,000 bushels at 5½d for corn, and 6@6½d for wheat.

LATEST.—Flour closed 5c better on common grades, with a very moderate demand. Wheat firmer with a very moderate inquiry, partly for export. Rye quiet at $1 76@1 77 for western. Oats dull at 83@84c in store for western. Corn firm at $1 36@1 37½ for new mixed western afloat, and $1 39@1 41½ in store and afloat for old mixed western. Pork rather easier at $21 05 cash and regular; sales 500 bbls new mess, seller February, at $22 25. Beef steady with a fair demand. Cut meats dull. Bacon firmer with a fair demand. Lard steady at 12½@13c for fair to prime steam and kettle rendered.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—Flour and grain quiet and unchanged; not much done. Cotton firmer, closing at 14c for middling. Nothing done in tobacco. Whisky at 28c in bond. Hogs firm: the few on the market sold at full prices; receipts but 850; not many more to come in. Provisions unchanged but held firmly; 200 bbls old mess pork sold at $20 00; new is held at $21 00. Lard firm at 12¾c. Bulk meats and bacon nominally unchanged. No change in oil. Coal in fair demand; sales 8,000 bush at 10c for Ohio; 11@12c for Pittsburgh. Beef cattle unchanged; supply light. Gold 133¼ buying.

Buffalo Market.

BUFFALO, December 31.—Flour steady. Wheat active; No. 2 spring lower; sales 32,000 bush No. 2 Milwaukee and Chicago spring at $2 15, but generally held at $2 10. Corn quiet and lower; sales 10 cars at $1 12@1 14. Oats asking 74c. Rye generally asking $1 60. Barley nominally unchanged. Mess pork, lard, highwines and dressed hogs dull and unchanged.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, December 31.—Sales 40 hhds tobacco; lugs to medium leaf $5@15 25. Flour—super $7 75@8. Wheat $2 35@2 40. Corn—new ear 70c; shelled 80@85c. Oats 65@66c. Molasses—new crop 75c. Cotton 13@13½c. Bacon shoulders 10c; sides 12¾c. Lard 12¾c. Mess pork $21 50@22. Bulk shoulders 8½c; clear sides 11½c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—Petroleum quiet; sales 1,000 bbls crude at 14½c; 1,500 bbls refined in bond at 22c. Flour firm but inactive. Wheat scarce; prime red in fair demand at $2 45@2 50; white $2 70@3 20. Rye dull. Corn firm; old yellow $1 42; new $1 14@1 22. Oats dull at 75c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The dry goods trade are all occupied taking stock, and as no business of moment has been transacted, prices are without variable alteration. To morrow will be observed as a close holiday.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, December 31.—Flour firmer. City XX $9 25@9 75; country do, $9@9 25; X $8 25@8 62. Wheat firm at $1 95½ for No 1; $1 85 for No. 2. Oats firm at 57c for No. 2. Corn steady at 83c for new shelled.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, December 31.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm: Pennsylvania red $2 65@2 68. Corn steady at $1 19 for mixed Western. Oats firm at 72@73c. Rye scarce; sales at $1 75. Provisions nominal.

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GOVERNMENT STOCKS

Firm and moderately active. Coupons '81, 112⅜@112½; do '62, 108¼@108⅜; do '64, 105½@105⅝; do '65, 105¾@105⅞; do '65, January and July, 108⅛@108¼; do '67, 108⅜@108½; 10-40s, coupons, 101⅜@102; 7-30s, 104⅝@104¾.

STOCKS

Opened heavy and lower, Rock Island declining to 89½, and carrying all the market with it. A committee of the Open Board waited on the President of the Rock Island road, Mr. Trach, to-day, and learned from him that the recent issue of stock was $4,900,000, to complete the road from Des Moines to Omaha. Subsequently it was rumored that the stock was to be repurchased, and there was a general recovery in prices, the market closing strong. Canton, 69¼@69½; Cumberland Coal, 32@33. Wells Express, 45¾; Adams, 78; United States, 78; Merchants' Union, 38¾; Quicksilver, 21@21½; Mariposa, 7½@8; Pacific Mail, 111@111¼; Atlantic, 114@114¼; Western Union Telegraph, 38@38¼; New York Central, 117; Erie, 72⅜@72½; Hudson, 132½; Reading, ex dividend, 91⅜@91½; Ohio certificates, 28¾@29. St. Paul preferred, 63⅛; Michigan Central, 107; Michigan Southern, 84⅛@84⅜; Illinois Central, 132½; Pittsburgh, 86¾@87; Toledo, 97⅞@98; Rock Island, 93@93¼; Northwestern, 58⅜@58½; preferred, 70@70⅛; Fort Wayne, 97@97¼; Missouri, 99¼; new Tennessee, 63½.

MINING SHARES

The mining share market was generally quiet and without any special change.

The Sub-Treasury paid out to-day about $2,500,000 of checks on account of interest due January 1st.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31.—Cotton active and advancing; middling 14½@15c; sales 5,700 bales; receipts 7,419 bales; exports 5,332 bales. Sugar firm and tending upward. Molasses active with an upward tendency.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Wheeling.

Special Dispatch to Pittsburgh Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., December 31, 1867.

The Sampson, Horner, Camelia, Grey Eagle, and Messenger passed up. The Grand Lake, with tow, passed down. The Hudson arrived from Cincinnati, and the Express from Parkersburg. The Potomac departed for Cincinnati, and the Express for Parkersburg. It commenced snowing during the afternoon. Towards evening a very heavy sleet fell. The river shows fifteen feet six inches and falling. Weather cold and sleeting. H.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 31.—The river is rising slowly, with ten feet six inches in the canal by the marks. Weather cold; snowing all the afternoon. Thermometer 32 deg.

RIVER NEWS.

STEAMERS ARRIVED AND DEPARTED.

Arrived.

E. Bennett	Cox	Geneva.
Franklin	Carmack	Geneva.
Fayette	Donaldson	Geneva.
Chieftain	Hendrickson	Geneva.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
Silver Cloud No. 2	Conway	Cincinnati.
Silver Lake No. 4	Todd	Cincinnati.
W. F. Curtiss	Browne	Cincinnati.
Delaware	Calhoun	Cincinnati.
Messenger	Dean	Cincinnati.
Grey Eagle	Brennan	Parkersburg.
Columbia	Reed	Cincinnati.

Departed.

Elector	Phillips	Geneva.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
Franklin	Carmack	Geneva.
Elisha Bennett	Cox	Geneva.
Leni Leoti	Hamilton	Parkersburg
R. Moore	Kerr	Portsmouth.
Julia No. 2	Coulson	Zanesville.
W. F. Curtiss	Browne	Cincinnati.

MONONGAHELA MARKS—Nine feet, falling.
ALLEGHENY MARKS—Ten feet, falling.
OIL CITY MARKS—Four feet, falling.

THE RIVER AND MATTERS ALONG THE WHARF.—Business in the vicinity was active. The arrival of a number of boats from the lower ports have made lively times in that neighborhood. The receipts of pig iron were very heavy since our last. The arrivals include the Columbia, W. F. Curtiss, Messenger and Silver Lake No. 4, from the Idaho gold mines. The departures include the fine packet Julia, for Zanesville, the W. F. Curtiss for Marietta, and the Robert Moore and large Monarch for Portsmouth. We counted thirteen boats at the landing last evening. The Kate Putnam is receiving for Cairo and St. Louis. The Glasgow is announced for the same port. The J. N. McCullough is due from Cincinnati. The Leni Leoti left for Parkersburg on time. The side wheel packet Grey Eagle is the boat for this day at noon. The coalboat fleet have pretty much all departed.

THE steamer New State was announced to leave Cincinnati on Monday for this place.

A NUMBER of boats are due from the lower ports and may arrive at any hour.

THE Robert Moore left for Portsmouth with a good trip. Commodore Kerr is one of the men you read about.

OIL CITY dispatches say that ice is forming rapidly at that point. There was four feet water and falling.

THE punctual steamer Julia No. 2, left for Zanesville, on time, with a fair trip of freight and a number of passengers.

THE fine steamer Glasgow, Captain Johnson, has changed her sign. She will load for Cairo and St. Louis direct and have dispatch.

THE first-class packet Kate Putnam, Capt. J. H. Lightner, is receiving for Evansville, Cairo and St. Louis. This boat is a large favorite with passengers and shippers, and deservedly so.

THE fine packet Glasgow, Capt. Johnson, goes to St. Louis this trip. This boat has the best of accommodations and is in charge of careful and attentive officers.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Leonidas will go through without re-shipping. Henry L. Park will be found at the foot of Market street, to receive freight and receipt for the same. JAMES SHEDDEN, Master.

THE fine side wheel passenger steamer Grey Eagle, Capt. Brennan, leaves this day for Parkersburg and way points. This boat is well found in every respect, and is in charge of careful and attentive officers.

THE splendid passenger steamer Kenton, Capt. J. H. Dunlap, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville. This boat is one of the best of her class, and is in charge of as clever a set of officers as can be found. Capt. Dunlap being an officer of large experience and pleasing address, it gives us pleasure to say a good word for this boat.

LOUISVILLE, December 29.—River rising with 7½ feet in the pass over the falls. Cloudy and cool; wind northwest; mercury 32 deg. all day, indicating snow. Thirteen towboats with coal from Pittsburgh arrived here to-day. The Diamond, with a tow, passed over the falls for the South. The Leonora No. 2 passed up, and the Armenia and Emma Floyd down.

ST. LOUIS, December 29.—The weather turned very cold again last night, and since then it has been freezing hard. There is some prospect of snow. The river rose five inches on Saturday, and fell three inches to-day. There is from four and a half to five feet of water to Cairo; but should this weather continue navigation will soon close again. Five steamers left here Saturday. Among them the Glendale, for Pittsburgh, with some five hundred tons of iron ore and other freight; and two departed to-day for Southern ports.

LOUISVILLE, December 28, P. M.—The river is swelling gradually with nine feet six inches in the canal. A large number of coalboats arrived. Weather growing warm with indications of rain or snow. The amount of coal reaching here the last 24 hours is estimated at 1,140,000 bushels. Several boats left for Pittsburgh for another tow of coal. The Kate Robinson, Selma and Spray arrived from above. The Wren after repairing at Madison, arrived yesterday with Kentucky river Shaker preserves and brooms, which were shipped on the Richmond for the South. The Argonaut No. 2 ascended the falls on Saturday and reshipped her Cincinnati freight on the mail boat. The Richmond left at noon for New Orleans with full trip of freight and a large number of passengers. The Hornet is engaged in towing empty barges over the falls.

LOUISVILLE, December 29.—River rising slowly, with 9 feet 5 inches water in canal by mark, and 6½ feet on Falls, steamboat water. Twelve coal towboats arrived, including the Condor from Pomeroy. Diamond and tow descended Falls for Memphis; Baker and Arab will remain at the "Pumpkin Patch" till morning, waiting for water to go over. The Alps and barges ascended the Falls from Paducah; Stella and Hyena, and barges, have gone back to Pittsburgh. The Armenia, for New Orleans, descended, and Leonora No. 2, from Tennessee River, ascended the Falls. The Emma Floyd descended the Falls. The P. W. Strader is at the city wharf, ready to load for New Orleans. Capt. Stein is on his way to Cincinnati, on the America. The low pressure Richmond departed to New Orleans at noon, with a good trip of freight and live stock; she leaves Cairo on Wednesday and Memphis on Thursday. The Great Republic is coming, with a heavy freight for the Upper Ohio, taking sugar at $1 50 ₱ hogshead.

CAIRO, December 29, P. M.—Port List—Saturday—Clifton, Cincinnati to Memphis, 2 A. M.; Anna, Cincinnati to Memphis, 2 A. M.; Darling, Memphis to Cincinnati, 7 P. M.

The Mississippi, from New Orleans for Louisville, has 29 hogsheads sugar and 146 bbls molasses for Cincinnati.

The underwriters are at work raising the General Totten.

The Cumberland river is rising, with four feet of water on the shoals.

Sunday—Longworth, New Orleans to Cincinnati, 8 A. M.; Belle Vernon, New Orleans to Cincinnati, 9 A. M.

The river has risen one foot two inches. Snow has fallen since noon. Mercury 32 degs. Business fair.

The steamer Belle Vernon has for the Ohio river 290 hogsheads sugar, 805 barrels molasses. The Longworth has for Cincinnati 124 bundles hides, 51 hogsheads sugar, and 553 tons freight for various ports.

EVANSVILLE, December 29, 7 P. M.—Cloudy and cold. Mercury 27 deg. at 6 A. M., and 30 balance of the day. The indications favor snow. The river has risen 22 inches during the last 24 hours, and is rising steadily. Port list: Tahlequah, Arkansas river to Cincinnati; America, Memphis, to Pittsburgh, at midnight Saturday; W. A. Caldwell, Cincinnati, to Arkansas river; Selma, Pittsburgh, to Mobile; Armadillo and Argosy, Pittsburgh, to New Orleans; Alice V., to New Orleans; Phantom, from below; Quickstep, from Cairo; Petrolia No 2, from Wabash river; Morning Star, Louisville, to Henderson. The America and Tahlequah were full of cotton; each discharged a few bales here. The Caldwell, Armadillo and Argosy were full, including some plows. The Selma added 100 mules, and she, the Armadillo and Argosy discharged much freight here. The Tarascon left last night, after midnight, with over 200 tons freight and crowded with people. The Phantom has been fully repaired and goes to Eastport to-morrow. The Charmer will load for Pittsburgh. The Petrolia was full of grain; she has been six months in the Wabash. She reports the Louisa aground in the Wabash, with only 3½ feet on the Grand Chain. The Alice V. took out a fair trip, with good engagements below.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial* says: The Great Republic is on her way from New Orleans with a heavy cargo for the Upper Ohio, having taken sugar at $1 50 per hhd. Evansville, rose 2 feet yesterday, with 15 feet and rising from Louisville to Cairo. The Louisa is aground in the Wabash river, with only 3½ feet on the Grand Chain. The Mississippi is swelling slowly at St. Louis, with 6 feet water from St. Louis to Cairo. It is swelling from Cairo to Memphis and Vicksburg, with 6 feet in the channel. White and Arkansas rivers are both rising, with 4 feet in the latter to Pine Bluff. At Nashville the Cumberland was rising last night, with 5 feet on Harpeth Shoals.

The J. N. McCullough departed for Pittsburgh at 10 A. M., full of people and a full cargo, including way engagements. Pilots, Nana and Gordon.

With a big river and superabundant tonnage, freights are ruinously low to all points, viz: Pittsburgh, 20c; Nashville, 35c, and Memphis, 25@30c ₱ hundred, and to New Orleans at 30@40c ₱ hundred; whisky $1 50 and pork $1 ₱ bbl.

Towboats with tows of coal and salt were arriving and passing down the river all day and last night, from Pittsburgh, Pomeroy and Kanawha river. The Wild Cat, Kanawha, Hawkeye, Hawk, Lake Erie, Lyon, Clipper, Hornet, O. H. Ormsby, Tigress and Sam Parker were among the number.

CINCINNATI, December 30.—There are about thirty feet of water in the channel here, and the river is rising about two feet in 24 hours. Under the bridge there are 72½ feet of space for passing steamers.

The Wild Duck's barges have been withdrawn for the present, and the barges of the Mary Davage are now receiving for New Orleans in the Booth Line.

A man fell overboard from some steamer on Friday night, at Portsmouth, and was drowned. The wharfmaster at that place heard his shrieks, but when he got near the point from whence the noise had come, all was still. The Camelia, Messenger and Cottage No. 2, were passing up at the time, and it is not known yet to which boat he belonged.

The Westmoreland, for New Orleans, left about midnight Saturday, with the heaviest load of the season, over eight hundred tons, including way engagements. She takes three hundred bales of hay at Lawrenceburg, one hundred and fifty sheep and ten horses at Warsaw. Fair trip of people. Pilots, Gus. Hiner and Dan. Weaver.

Coming down the river, Friday night, the Armenia sheered on the pilots, running into the towboat Lyon, lying at the bank, at Neville. The Armenia knocked down her jack-staff, gallows-frame, and stages, but sustained no other damage. She broke the Lyon's water-wheel.

The Mary Davage has a schooner in tow, destined for Galveston, Texas. The length of the schooner is eighty feet; breadth twenty feet; depth of hold five feet. Built at Pittsburgh.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

Pitts. Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

Nimick & Co, 6 cars pig iron; Bryan & Caughey, 13 do do; J Wood, Son & Co, 5 do do; J Moorhead, 1 do do; Shoenberger & Blair, 13 do L D iron ore; Arbuckle & Co, 50 bdls paper; T C Jenkins, 7 bbls flour, 25 sks oats, 20 do meal; Kirkpatrick, Herron & Co, 25 bxs cheese; J S Dilworth & Co, 1 bbl sugar, 50 do flour; A & J Kerr, 4 bxs cheese; Haworth, McDonald & Co, 1 bbl lard oil, 1 box soap, 3 bbls rye flour; J Robb, 4 bbls d poultry; W J Steel & Bro, 15 do cider; F Sellers & Co, 1 do oil; M P Adams & Co, 1 car oil bbls; Z Wainwright, 192 sks barley.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—R Knox & Son, 200 bbls flour; Superior Iron Co, 3 cars limestone.

Per Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad.

W D McGowan, 10 tons pig iron; Bryan & Caughey, 2 cars L S ore, 3 do W do; Wood & Lukins, 1 do L C do; Brady's Bend Iron Co, 1 do L S do; Shoenberger & Blair, 3 do do; J H McKinnell, 10 bbls crackers; F Woods, 5 bdls paper; Bailey, Farrell & Co, 1 steam pump; Dithridge & Son, 8 casks pearls; Zug & Co, 3 cars f brick; Anderson, Cook & Co, 1 do do; Johnson & Paine; 50 bbls lubricating oil; T C Jenkins, 49 bxs cheese, 2 do mdse, 4 sacks and 1 keg dried apples; Van Gorder & Shepard, 2 kgs butter; J A & E Echelberger, 8 bbls lubricating oil; W J Meek, 1 car barley; H Riddle, 1 bbl butter; Meanor & Harper, 39 sks barley; R & A Carson, 1 bbl butter; L H Voigt & Co, 17 sks dried apples.

ALLEGHENY STATION.—R E J Elton, 1 bbl tobacco; A C Taggart, 1 car lumber; Lewis, Bailey, Dalzell & Co, 4 cars ore; J Herbert, 2 dressed hogs; W Brown, 169 sacks oats; Coleman & T, 100 pieces timber.

Pitts. Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad

McElroy & Co, 12 dozen brooms; H Myers, 1 bbl mer; J M Caldwell, 9 sks d fruit, 3 kgs lard; Best & Robinson, 5 bbls sandstone; C H Love, 22 sacks barley; Meanor & Harper, 3 beef hides, 1 firkin butter, 1 keg eggs, 38 sks barley; Paper Mfg Co, 22 bdls paper; G A Martin, 12 bbls apples; James Lippincott, 10 do l oil; I Dickey & Co, 10 bales cotton; Boyle & Co, 3 hhds, 1 bx sample tobacco, Keil & Ritchart, 1 bdl sks; McCullough & Co, 1 hhd tobacco; Seghmyer & Voskamp, 100 bbls flour; C C Smith, 1 car staves; Nimick & Co 1 do pig iron; Anderson & Hastings, 1 do staves; V Guckhart & Son, 6,000 ft lumber.

Per Allegheny Valley Railroad.

Scott & Gisal, 1 car hay; McKnight, Porter & Co, 2 cars pig iron; Lyon, Shorb & Co, 2 do do; Monongahela House, 11 pkgs marketing; L H Voigt & Co, 12 sks seed; W Barker, jr & Co, 3 sacks wool; A G Graff, 1 bx mdse; Stewart & Co, 1 do do; J A Ewer, 1 do do; R T Kennedy & Bro, 160 sks wheat; J C Cuddy, 7 pkgs produce; J Hizty, 18 do do; D Wallace, 7 sks sks; S Ewart & Co, 2 bdls flaxseed, 2 g hides, 1 calf skin; G Kann, 9 bdls harness leather; Knox & Orr, 1 bx butter; McCandless, Jamison & Co, 1 do mdse; various owners, 4 cars marketing.

IMPORTS BY RIVER.

Pitts. Brownv and Geneva U. S. Mail Line.

Morgan Bell, 5 boxes poultry; J K Smith, 1 bbl crackers; John Flack, 59 bxs glass; R C Schmertz, 158 do do; S Bentay, 2 do do; N K McClelland, 10 bbls produce, 6 sacks dried apples; A V Lindsey, 3 bbls poultry, 3 bxs and 1 firkin butter; H Stamm, 5 bxs do, 1 bbl, 1 bx produce; D Harmony, 28 empty bxs, 5 do bbls; B F Brown, 6 bxs glass; J L Moorhouse, 50 sks oats, 6 bxs, 3 bbls produce.

Pitts Brownv. and Geneva People's Line.

Smith, Johnson & Colvin, 1 bbl sorghum; A F Gabler, 101 bxs glass; R Z Bulger, 2 bxs, 1 crock produce; Whitmore, Wolf, Duff & Co 1 bx hardware; John I House, 18 bbls flour.

Cincinnati.

PER STEAMER W F CURTIS.—Nimick & Co, 165 tons pig iron; S M Wickersham, 1 box wine; Smith, Johnson & Colvin, 9 cases tobacco.

PER STEAMER COLUMBIA.—Nimick & Co, 250 tons pig iron.

New Orleans.

PER STEAMER SILVER CLOUD No. 2.—Loomis & Collard, 225 tons pig iron; Atlas Works, 108 do do; Holmes, Bell & Co, 10 bales cotton.

Wheeling.

PER STEAMER LENI LEOTI.—Pa Salt Co, 48 carboys; J Irwin, 21 do do; Spencer & McKay, 46 hf ale bbls; J & W Fairley, 50 bales hay; Jas Glenn, 85 do do; J R Windsor, 132 do do; Hitchcock, McCreery & Co, 164 sks corn; A Bradley, 125 tiles; Hall & Speer, 2,000 plow handles; McHenry & Hood, 37 sks barley; M Mahaffey, 4 pkgs produce; J Ramsey, 3 hogs, 1 basket butter; W Reed, 3 bxs, 2 sks produce; W Reed, 2 hogs, 1 tub butter; A Fulton & Son, 35 pcs dogwood.

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Cincinnati, Nov. 6, 1867. eod

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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR TOWING SALT.

SEALED PROPOSALS for Towing all the Salt manufactured by the OHIO RIVER SALT CO., in the year 1868, will be received up to 12 o'clock M. WEDNESDAY, the 22d day of January, 1868, the Ohio River Salt Co. to furnish good, seaworthy Barges and to load the Salt.

The party contracting will be required to furnish three or more good and sufficient Tow-boats, Tow the Salt, pay Lock Fees, Wharfage, Watching, Unloading, and all other expenses, except on Salt unloaded at Maysville, Covington and Louisville, Ky.; Portsmouth, Ripley and Cincinnati, O., and Madison, Jeffersonville and New Albany, Ind. The salt will be in barrels of either 7 bushels or 280 pounds, and proposals should state price per barrel of either size to each of the following places:

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Wellsville, O.,
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Marietta, O.,
Portsmouth, O.,
Ripley, O.,
Cincinnati, O.,
Hannibal, Mo.,
St. Louis, Mo.,
Wellsburg, W. Va.,
Wheeling, W. Va.,
Parkersburg, W. Va.,
Maysville, Ky.,
Covington, Ky.,
Paducah, Ky.,
Smithland, Ky.,
Columbus, Ky.,
Hickman, Ky.,
Madison, Ind.,
Jeffersonville, Ind.,
New Albany, Ind.,
Evansville, Ind.,
Cairo, Ill.,
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The minimum stage of water that the towboats will be required to run will be when towboats can leave Pomeroy, safely, with tows drawing three and one-half (3½) feet of water, and tow to such places as they can reasonably be expected to reach with barges of that draught; the barges to be returned without delay by the party towing to the Salt Co.'s boat yards at Middleport, O.

The Ohio River Salt Co. will, as far as possible, give reasonable tows, though they will not positively contract full tows to each point.

The Ohio River Salt Co. reserve the right to refuse all proposals, or to award the towing of Salt from Pomeroy, O., to Pittsburgh, Pa., to one party, or award it to the same party who tows to the Southern or Western markets.

The party to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give bonds with satisfactory security for the faithful performance of his contract.

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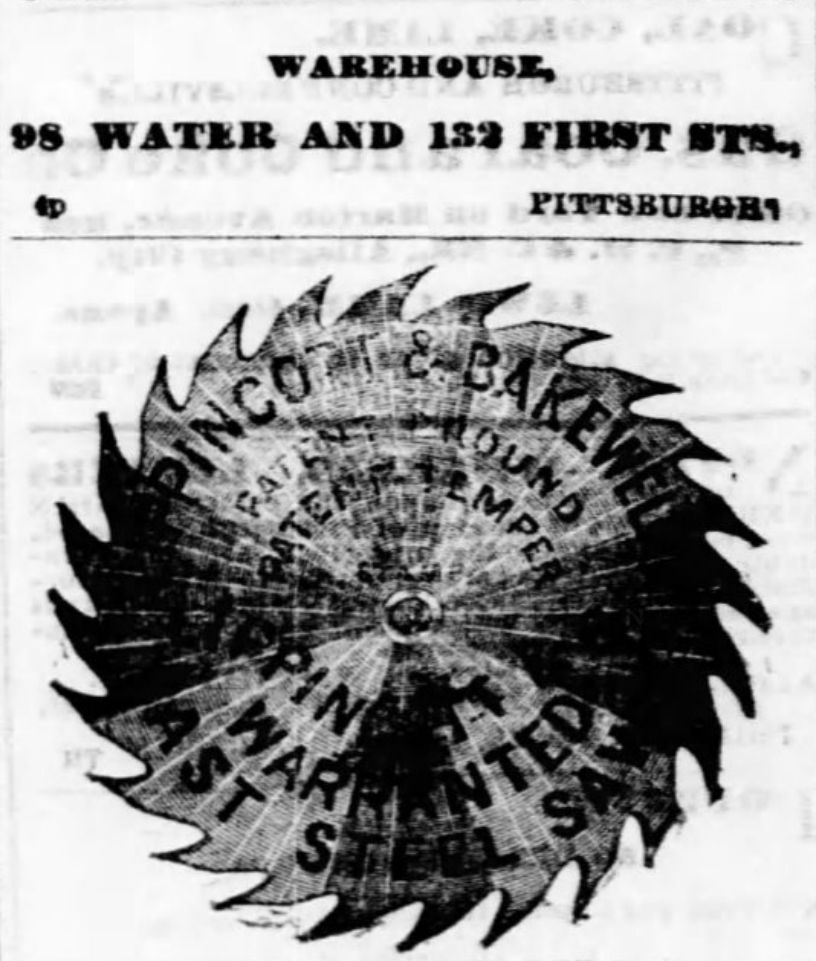

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Earnings of the Company.

At present, the profits of the Company are derived only from its local traffic, but this is already much more than sufficient to pay the interest on all the Bonds the Company can issue, if not another mile were built. It is not doubted that when the road is completed the through traffic of the only line connecting the Atlantic and Pacific States will be large beyond precedent and, as there will be no competition, it can always be done at profitable rates.

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JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer,
November 23, 1867. NEW YORK.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA.
HARRISBURG, December 18, 1867.

NOTICE

TO THE

HOLDERS OF THE

LOANS

OF THE

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DUE JULY 1st, 1868.

THE FOLLOWING

LOANS,

DUE JULY 1st, 1868,

WILL BE REDEEMED WITH INTEREST TO DATE OF PAYMENT ON PRESENTATION AT THE

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS'
NATIONAL BANK,
OF
PHILADELPHIA.

VIZ:

LOAN OF MARCH 27, 1839; DUE JULY 1, 1868.

LOAN OF JULY 19, 1839, DUE JULY 1, 1868.

Interest on the above Loans will cease on the 1st OF JULY, 1868.

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